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## **Colfax Corporation Announces Public Offering of Common Stock**

FULTON, Md., Feb. 27, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Colfax Corporation ("Colfax") (NYSE: CFX), a leading global manufacturer of gasand fluid-handling and fabrication technology products and services, today announced that it is offering 7,000,000 shares of its common stock in a public offering. The underwriters will have a 30-day option from the date of the offering to purchase up to an additional 1,000,000 shares from Colfax. Colfax expects to use the proceeds from the sale of the common stock for general corporate purposes.

Deutsche Bank Securities and BofA Merrill Lynch are acting as joint book-running managers for the offering. KeyBanc is the co-lead manager of the offering.

The public offering will be made only by means of a prospectus and related prospectus supplement, copies of which may be obtained, when available, from either: Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Attention: Prospectus Department, Harborside Financial Center, 100 Plaza One, Jersey City, New Jersey, 07311-3988, telephone (800) 503-4611, or by e-mailing prospectus.cpdg@db.com; or BofA Merrill Lynch, 4 World Financial Center, New York, NY 10080, Attn: Prospectus Department or by emailing dg.prospectus requests@baml.com.

The common stock will be offered pursuant to an effective registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such an offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

## About Colfax Corporation

Colfax Corporation is a diversified global manufacturing and engineering company that provides gas- and fluid-handling and fabrication technology products and services to commercial and governmental customers around the world under the Howden, Colfax Fluid Handling and ESAB brands. Colfax believes that its brands are among the most highly recognized in each of the markets that it serves. Colfax is traded on the NYSE under the ticker "CFX." Additional information about Colfax is available at <a href="http://www.colfaxcorp.com">www.colfaxcorp.com</a>.

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This press release may contain forward-looking statements, including forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning Colfax's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions and other statements that are not historical or current fact, including projections of future financial results, the expected effects of the Charter acquisition, its anticipated benefits and potential impact on our business and our ability to realize cost savings. Forward-looking statements are based on Colfax's current expectations and involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause Colfax's results to differ materially from current expectations include, but are not limited to factors detailed in Colfax's reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission including its 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K under the caption "Risk Factors." In addition, these statements are based on a number of assumptions that are subject to change. This press release speaks only as of this date. Colfax disclaims any duty to update the information herein.

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