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Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Nominees Announced *MOTY Award Winners to be Revealed February 25, 2010*

December 14, 2009, Madison – Forty Wisconsin businesses have been nominated for the 22nd Annual Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Awards (MOTY) for outstanding achievements in manufacturing, the sponsors announced today.

The MOTY Awards recognize Wisconsin companies that demonstrate a commitment to business excellence which has a positive impact on the company and the state, making Wisconsin a better place to live, work and play. Winners will be announced at a black-tie awards dinner and program on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at The Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee.

The Grand Awards are categorized based on employee count; small, medium, large and mega. Each company is evaluated in areas such as financial growth or consistency, technological advances, product development, environmental solutions, operational excellence/continuous improvement, commitment to employees, and effective research and development. Returning for a second year is the Grand Award for Sustainability, which will be presented to the manufacturer who has demonstrated a commitment to and successfully implemented sustainable manufacturing practices that are environmentally and economically sound.

An independent panel of judges, with representatives from business, education, government and the media, selects the 2009 Manufacturer of the Year Award winners. More information about the Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Awards program can be found at www.wimoty.com.

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2009 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award Nominees:

City	Company	Category
Beaver Dam	Northwoods Paper Converting, Inc.	Small
Beloit	Frito Lay, Inc.	Mega & Sustainability
Black River Falls	D&S Manufacturing	Medium
Chilton	Kaytee Products Incorporated	Large
Chippewa Falls	Extrusion Dies Industries, LLC	Medium & Sustainability
Chippewa Falls	Spectrum Industries Inc.	Medium
Edgerton	Edgerton Gear, Inc.	Small
Fond du Lac	Natural Stone Veneers International, Inc.	Small
Germantown	Cambridge Major Laboratories, Inc.	Medium
Germantown	KLH Industries, Inc.	Small
Germantown	Plastic Components, Inc.	Small
Green Bay	Sanimax Industries Inc.	Mega
Green Bay	WS Packaging Group, Inc.	Mega & Sustainability
Greenville	Fox Valley Spring Company	Small
Janesville	Coextruded Plastic Technologies, Inc.	Small
Juneau	Animix LLC	Small
La Crosse	Main Street Ingredients, LLC	Medium
La Crosse	WalzCraft Industries, Inc.	Medium & Sustainability
Ladysmith	5R Processors Ltd.	Medium
Manitowoc	The Manitowoc Co. Inc. – Cranes Division	Mega
Manitowoc	Wisconsin Aluminum Foundry Company, Inc.	Large
Mayville	Mayville Engineering Company Inc. (MEC)	Mega & Sustainability
Medford	HWD Acquisition, Inc. d/b/a Hurd Windows & Doors	Large
Mequon	General Metal Works Corp. (GenMet)	Small
Middleton	Standard Imaging, Inc.	Sustainability
Milwaukee	American Signal Corporation	Small
Milwaukee	Derse Inc.	Large & Sustainability
Monroe	Klondike Cheese Co.	Small
Nashotah	Dickten Masch Plastics, LLC	Medium
Neenah	Veolia ES, Special Services, Inc	Large
New Berlin	ABB, Inc.	Mega & Sustainability
Oconomowoc	Sentry Equipment Corp.	Medium & Sustainability
Osceola	Northwire, Inc.	Medium & Sustainability
Oshkosh	Oshkosh Corporation – Defense Division	Mega
Plymouth	Sargento Foods Inc.	Mega
Shawano	Genex Cooperative, Inc., <i>a subsidiary of Cooperative Resources International</i>	Mega
Sheboygan	American Orthodontics Corporation	Large
Sussex	Power Test Incorporated	Small
Waukesha	Generac Power Systems Inc.	Mega
West Allis	Solaris, Inc.	Small

The MOTY Awards Program is co-sponsored by Michael Best and Friedrich LLP, a preeminent Midwest-based law firm; Baker Tilly Virchow Krause LLP, the nation's 13th largest accounting and advisory firm; and Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, the state's largest business association.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Nominees in alphabetical listing by company:

Company	City	Category
5R Processors Ltd.	Ladysmith	Medium
ABB, Inc.	New Berlin	Mega & Sustainability
American Orthodontics Corporation	Sheboygan	Large
American Signal Corporation	Milwaukee	Small
Animix LLC	Juneau	Small
Cambridge Major Laboratories, Inc.	Germantown	Medium
Coextruded Plastic Technologies, Inc.	Janesville	Small
D&S Manufacturing	Black River Falls	Medium
Derse Inc.	Milwaukee	Large & Sustainability
Dickten Masch Plastics, LLC	Nashotah	Medium
Edgerton Gear, Inc.	Edgerton	Small
Extrusion Dies Industries, LLC	Chippewa Falls	Medium & Sustainability
Fox Valley Spring Company	Greenville	Small
Frito Lay, Inc.	Beloit	Mega & Sustainability
Generac Power Systems Inc.	Waukesha	Mega
General Metal Works Corp. (GenMet)	Mequon	Small
Genex Cooperative, Inc., <i>a subsidiary of Cooperative Resources International</i>	Shawano	Mega
HWD Acquisition, Inc. d/b/a Hurd Windows & Doors	Medford	Large
Kaytee Products Incorporated	Chilton	Large
KLH Industries, Inc.	Germantown	Small
Klondike Cheese Co.	Monroe	Small
Main Street Ingredients, LLC	La Crosse	Medium
The Manitowoc Co. Inc. – Cranes Division	Manitowoc	Mega
Mayville Engineering Company Inc. (MEC)	Mayville	Mega & Sustainability
Natural Stone Veneers International, Inc.	Fond du Lac	Small
Northwire, Inc.	Osceola	Medium & Sustainability
Northwoods Paper Converting, Inc.	Beaver Dam	Small
Oshkosh Corporation - Defense Division	Oshkosh	Mega
Plastic Components, Inc.	Germantown	Small
Power Test Incorporated	Sussex	Small
Sanimax Industries Inc.	Green Bay	Mega
Sargento Foods Inc.	Plymouth	Mega
Sentry Equipment Corp.	Oconomowoc	Medium & Sustainability
Solaris, Inc.	West Allis	Small
Spectrum Industries Inc.	Chippewa Falls	Medium
Standard Imaging, Inc.	Middleton	Sustainability
Veolia ES, Special Services, Inc	Neenah	Large
WalzCraft Industries, Inc.	La Crosse	Medium & Sustainability
Wisconsin Aluminum Foundry Company, Inc.	Manitowoc	Large
WS Packaging Group, Inc.	Green Bay	Mega & Sustainability