

Wisconsin Manufacturer's Association: Seven companies win 30th annual Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year awards

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MILWAUKEE – Seven Wisconsin companies were awarded prestigious Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Awards for outstanding achievements in manufacturing. The winners were announced Thursday, February 22 at a black-tie banquet honoring the 23 nominees.

The annual Manufacturer of the Year Awards Program recognizes 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.

“Manufacturing is what built the middle class and drives Wisconsin’s economy,” said Kurt R. Bauer, President/CEO of Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce. “We are proud to recognize these companies for the immense impact they have on their local communities and the State of Wisconsin.”

In its 30th year, the Manufacturer of the Year Awards Program recognizes companies of all sizes for all they do to drive Wisconsin’s economy. Companies were evaluated in areas such as financial growth or consistency, technological advances, product development, environmental solutions and sustainability, operational excellence and continuous improvement, commitment to employees and effective

research and development. Award winners were selected by an independent panel of judges.

“Manufacturing in Wisconsin is crucial to growing the state’s economy, and the Manufacturer of the Year Award program is a great reminder on the positive impact these companies have on our local communities,” said David Krutz, Managing Partner at Michael Best. “Their commitment, leadership and dedication continue to provide countless opportunities statewide.”

Four Grand Award winners, categorized by number of employees, were recognized for impeccable performance. This year, three companies were also honored for awards in special categories, including exceptional growth and service, enterprise-wide precision and global brand growth.

“We’re proud to be a part of a program that honors manufacturing excellence each year,” added Kevin Heppner, Managing Partner at Baker Tilly. “This group of top tier manufacturers makes significant contributions to Wisconsin and our communities. It’s companies like these that continue to strengthen our manufacturing sector and bring opportunity to Wisconsin.”

The Manufacturer of the Year Awards are sponsored by Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce – the state chamber and manufacturers’ association – the law firm of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP and the accounting and advisory firm of Baker Tilly. Additional information can be found online at www.wimoty.com.