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## **Kolbe & Kolbe Millwork Co., Inc. Competing for 2014 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award**

**Madison** – Kolbe & Kolbe Millwork Co., Inc., one of the nation’s leading manufacturers of windows and doors for the residential and commercial markets in Wausau, is competing for a Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award. They are one of 11 Wisconsin businesses nominated for the Grand Award in the Mega size category.

Kolbe crafts a wide variety of luxury windows and doors for residential and commercial applications. They have invested in product development in response to their customers – distributors, architects, builders and homeowners – to better understand their needs and how Kolbe can meet them. As Kolbe innovates, they listen. They aim to grow not for the purpose of getting larger as an organization, but for growing solid employment prospects for their team members and their local community, for growing the Kolbe brand, and for garnering recognition for the brand as being the best at what they do in the market they serve.

The Manufacturer of the Year Awards program recognizes a diverse array of manufacturers of all sizes and sectors of the economy for their paramount economic contributions to the great state of Wisconsin. A total of five Grand Award winners will be chosen: four in categories based on company size, and one for being an exceptional example to all in inventing and implementing innovative workforce development best practices.

Each nominee is evaluated in areas such as financial growth or consistency, technological advances, product development, environmental solutions, operation excellence/continuous improvement, commitment to employees, and effective research and development. The Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year award winners were selected by an independent panel of judges representing industry, education, and the public sector.

The annual awards program is co-sponsored by the accounting and advisory firm of Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, the law firm of Michael Best and Friedrich LLP, and the business association Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce. The sponsors will celebrate the nominees and reveal the winners at an awards banquet on Thursday, February 26 at The Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee.

Additional information can be found online at [www.wimoty.com](http://www.wimoty.com) or by calling (800) 362-7301.

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**Photo caption:** Judy Kolbe Gorski (second from right), CEO and Chairman of the Board, and Jeffrey De Lonay (second from left), President, Kolbe & Kolbe Millwork Co., Inc. were presented with the company's nominee certificate by Patrick Simonett (left), Director of Membership and Kurt Bauer (right), President/CEO, of Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce.