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Global Finishing Solutions LLC Competing for 2014 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award

Madison – Global Finishing Solutions LLC, the world's leading manufacturer of paint booths, spray booths and finishing systems in Osseo, is competing for a Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award. They are one of eight Wisconsin businesses nominated for the Grand Award in the Large size category and one of 29 competing in the Workforce Development Grand Award category.

Global Finishing Solutions manufactures paint booths, spray booths and finishing systems for industrial coating and finishing, automotive body shops, aerospace finishing, and truck and large equipment finishing. GFS leads the way in spray booth innovation and is dedicated to providing the most energy-efficient and ecologically friendly paint environments. Global Finishing Solutions' corporate office and manufacturing plant is the largest and most technically capable spray booth manufacturing facility in the world and additional sales and support offices continue to operate in both Mexico and Canada. GFS also developed the world's first paint booth filter for waterborne paints.

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 or by calling (800) 362-7301.

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Photo caption: Jim Faragher (second from right), President of Global Finishing Solutions LLC was presented with the company's nominee certificate by representatives from the Manufacturer of the Year Award sponsor companies. Left to Right: Kirk Pelikan, Partner, Michael Best; Adam Kettler, Membership Development Manager, Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce; Josh Meinen, Partner, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP; Jim Faragher, President and Amanda Karau-Skar, Human Resources Manager, Global Finishing Solutions LLC.