



PRESS RELEASE
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NOTE: Companies will not learn they have won until the night of the banquet. Please do not contact any winners prior to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25.

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**Amerequip Corporation Wins
28th Annual Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Special Award
Kiel company wins Company Culture award**

Milwaukee – Amerequip Corporation is one of six Wisconsin companies awarded a prestigious Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award. Four Grand Award winners, categorized by number of employees, were recognized for impeccable performance across the nomination categories while two manufacturers were honored with special awards for Company Culture. The winners were announced Thursday, February 25 at a black-tie banquet honoring the 38 nominees.

Amerequip Corporation strives to create a better standard of living for their team members through the hiring of high-character people while also making a difference in the community. They view all of their employees as part of the team and their more than 95% retention rate as a major part of the company's success, growing their employment base by more than 260%.

From investing in paid training, a welcome gift for the spouse of a new employee, and one-on-one time with manager and the CEO, Amerequip Corporation is dedicated to taking extra steps to ensure new members feel like part of the team.

Continuous learning opportunities, a wellness program, and family events add value and confidence to their employees, in turn helping to achieve their mission of never compromising their customer's reputation.

Amerequip Corporation has made significant investments in capital expenditures including facility and equipment upgrades and technology improvements. With this, they have had the ability to expand their work with existing clients and have grown in existing markets: construction, compact utility tractor and turf care industries.

Producing backhoes, mower decks, utility vehicle attachments and service kits, among others, Amerequip Corporation has mastered diversity in their manufacturing, engineering and design

capabilities, and Amerequip Corporation has maintained an on-time delivery rate of 95.5% over the past five years.

Celebrating its 28th year, the Manufacturer of the Year Award program recognizes manufacturers of all sizes and industries for all that they do to drive the Wisconsin economy. Companies were evaluated in areas such as financial growth or consistency, technological advances, product development, environmental solutions and sustainability, operational 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.

The accounting and advisory firm of Baker Tilly, the law firm of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, and the business association Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce sponsor the MOTY awards program. Additional information can be found online at www.wimoty.com or by calling (800) 362-7301.

28th Annual Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award Winners:

Grand Awards

Generac Power Systems, Inc., Waukesha- Mega Category
Alto-Shaam, Inc., Menomonee Falls - Large Category
Teel Plastics, Inc., Baraboo - Medium Category
Felss Rotaform LLC, New Berlin - Small Category

Special Awards for Company Culture

Masters Gallery Foods, Inc., Plymouth
Amerequip Corporation, Kiel

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