



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**EMBARGOED UNTIL 10:00 P.M. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016**

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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**Masters Gallery Foods, Inc. Wins**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Special Award**  
**Plymouth company wins Company Culture award**

**Milwaukee** – Masters Gallery Foods, Inc. 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.

Masters Gallery Foods, Inc. started in 1974 as a small brokerage firm. Founded on the idea that people are the heart and soul of the family-owned company, they are living proof that a culture focused on building relationships and collaboration is the key to success.

They continue to build on the company's philosophy of fun with a passion to succeed and willingness to go the extra mile. They have created a culture that values relationship, collaboration, and commitment to excellence at every level within the organization.

From providing admission for employees and their families to attend the Sheboygan County Fair and investing in the health of their employees with free health care through its state-of-the-art Center for Health and Wellness, to their employees and dedication to workforce development and philanthropy in the community, Masters Gallery Foods, Inc. cares about what happens to people both inside and outside of their walls.

Their industrial sales division, retail division and foodservice division, along with a state-of-the-art production facility allows them to market over 500-million pounds of top quality cheese every year, exporting to China, Mexico, and other parts of the world.

Celebrating its 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.wimoty.com) or by calling (800) 362-7301.

28<sup>th</sup> 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  
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