



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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Generac Power Systems, Inc. Wins
28th Annual Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award
Waukesha company wins mega category grand award

Milwaukee – Generac Power Systems, 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.

Generac has a reputation for being an innovative, market-leading manufacturing company that delivers generators and other engine products that positively impact the lives of their customers. Their impeccable knowledge of the marketplace and their dedication to new product development has allowed for innovation in products, leading to short, custom manufacturing cycles and speed to the market.

They continue to transform and view it as essential to support the development and growth of their employees. Continuously reaching for excellence, Generac Power Systems, Inc. launched a company-wide program to focus on the elimination of injuries and defects through the use of lean tools and techniques.

Like many other companies in this state, Generac Power Systems, Inc. believes their success is directly tied to their employees' personal and professional growth. They care about the safety and well-being of their employees, taking an active approach in helping employees make the best decisions for their development through "SMART" goal setting, managing employee expectation and reinforcing skills needed and providing tuition reimbursement.

Generac Power Systems, Inc. finds value in their communities and has implemented a company-wide charity program, donating over \$200,000 to more than 75 organizations in their community. They are committed to participating in numerous programs, from helping non-traditional

students receive their high school diplomas in a work environment, to mentorship programs, to programs allowing students to receive their associate degrees through a 16-week educational and internship program.

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

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