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Northwoods Paper Converting Receives Manufacturer of the Year Award
Beaver Dam Manufacturer Recognized with Grand Award

February 25, 2010, Milwaukee -- Eight Wisconsin companies received 2009 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Awards for outstanding achievements in manufacturing. On Thursday, the winning companies were announced at a black-tie awards dinner and program at The Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee.

Northwoods Paper Converting of Beaver Dam was recognized as the 2009 Manufacturer of the Year Grand Award Winner in the small company category.

The Manufacturer of the Year Awards recognize Wisconsin companies that demonstrate a commitment to business excellence which has a positive impact on the company and the state, making Wisconsin a better place to live, work and play.

“It was fascinating reading the many stories of how people in many different businesses started and grew their companies. It was also inspiring as to how they all handled the most recent economic down turn,” said Chuck Yanke, president of Vulcan Lead Products Company in Milwaukee, and one of 15 judges who selected the eight winners for this year’s event. “Wisconsin should be very proud of the hard working, innovative companies that call this state home. The competition for these awards was tough; I think that is a testimony to the hard work put into the competition by each company.”

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Northwoods Paper Converting in Beaver Dam has been providing paper mills, printers, and merchants high quality paper converting services since 1999. They believe that Wisconsin is home to some of the greatest manufacturers in the world and are proud to continually invest in those close-to-home manufacturers. Nearly 95 percent of equipment expenditures are from equipment manufactured in our great state and more than 60 percent of their packaging requirements are from materials manufactured here.

Northwoods Paper Converting is a custom contract precision sheeting company specializing in converting fine paper, poly, vinyl, film, canvas, and paper board rolls into sheets for products such as CD holders, cereal boxes, books, magazines, and more. Their 155,000 square foot manufacturing facility is strategically located in Beaver Dam and their sales have grown an average of 100 percent per year since their inception ten years ago. This company is proud to say that they have never lost a customer.

Forty Wisconsin businesses were nominated for the 22nd annual Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Awards. An independent panel of judges, with representatives from business, education, government and the media, selected the 2009 Manufacturer of the Year Award winners. More information about the Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Awards program can be found at www.wimoty.com.

The statewide recognition program is co-sponsored by Baker Tilly, one of America's largest accounting and advisory firms; Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, a preeminent Midwest-based law firm; and Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, the state's largest business association.

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Grand Awards

Oshkosh Corporation – Defense Division, Oshkosh – Grand Award, mega company category
American Orthodontics Corporation, Sheboygan – Grand Award, large company category
Sentry Equipment Corp., Oconomowoc – Grand Award, medium company category
Northwoods Paper Converting, Beaver Dam – Grand Award, small company category
Frito-Lay, Inc., Beloit – Grand Award, sustainability category

Special Awards

Mayville Engineering Company Inc. (MEC), Mayville – Special Award, “Community Involvement and Conservation Education”
Wisconsin Aluminum Foundry Company, Inc., Manitowoc – Special Award, “Industry Perseverance”
Plastic Components, Inc., Germantown – Special Award, “Commitment to Community and Employees”