



PRESS RELEASE

For more information please contact:

Katy Ryder Pettersen, WMC
kpettersen@wmc.org
608-516-6684 cell

Plastic Components Receives Manufacturer of the Year Award
Germantown Manufacturer Recognized with Special 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.

Plastic Components, Inc. of Germantown was recognized as the 2009 Manufacturer of the Year and awarded a "Commitment to Community and Employees" Special Award. The Special Award categories were determined by the judges based on information provided in the nomination forms.

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."

-MORE-

Plastic Components, Inc. is a globally competitive, world-class producer of custom injection molded plastic parts. In 17 years they have shipped over one billion molded parts and are rightfully proud of their on-time delivery rate of 99.96 percent. The management of this leading company views the talent and commitment of their workforce as the single most important factor in the current and future success of the company. They are committed to providing a safe, healthy, positive working environment for all employees. They support a casual working environment and are proud to have a healthy handful of employees who have been there almost since the company's inception. They aggressively support the acceptance of continuous improvement suggestions from all employees and encourage continuing education to help employees maintain a level of awareness and education that keeps them tuned in to industry trends. Through donations and hands-on involvement, this company supports local community organizations and hosts tours for various student groups.

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.

###

RELATED INFORMATION:

Complete Awards Listing:

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”