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**James S. Haney Receives Lifetime Achievement Award in
Manufacturing**
WMC President and CEO honored

Milwaukee – James S. Haney, President and CEO of Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Manufacturing at the Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Awards banquet. Haney, who is retiring this spring after serving as the leader of the state's largest business association for more than a quarter of a century, was honored by his peers Thursday night during a black tie dinner at The Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee.

The Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award in Manufacturing was introduced this year to honor the people who make Wisconsin's manufacturing industry successful. Through his tireless work at WMC, Jim Haney has spent many years helping do just that. His dedication to the business community and his resolve to make Wisconsin the most competitive state in the nation is unparalleled.

A native of Amery, Wisconsin, Haney has a background in both the public and private sectors. He was an aide to Wisconsin Governor Warren Knowles, and served as assistant to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations, and as Deputy Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue under Governor Lee Dreyfus.

With a law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he practiced law and then served as Public Affairs Director for the Bergstrom Paper Company in Neenah. Haney was also District Manager of Public Affairs for Wisconsin Bell before he joined Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce.

Haney earned the respect of elected officials and agency leaders on both sides of the aisle, and has created bridges between corporations, foundations, educational institutions, and government to advance policies which help Wisconsin's hard working citizens. He has led major legislative victories which helped existing companies thrive and created a climate to attract new companies to the great Badger state.

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Celebrating its 23rd year, the MOTY program recognizes manufacturers of all sizes and industries for their contributions to the great state of Wisconsin. The accounting and advisory firm of Baker Tilly, the law firm of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, and the business association Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce sponsor the MOTY awards program. Additional information can be found online at www.wimoty.com or by calling (800) 362-7301.

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Contact Katy Pettersen, (608) 661-6916, after February 24 for event photos.

2010 WISCONSIN MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

Grand Awards

GE Healthcare Imaging Subsystems, Milwaukee - Mega and Sustainability Categories
Dickten Masch Plastics, Waukesha - Large Category
Briess Industries, Inc., Chilton - Medium Category
Hydro-Thermal Corporation, Waukesha - Small Category

Special Awards

Atlas Resin Proppants, Taylor - Team Commitment to the Community Award
HWD Acquisition, dba Hurd Windows & Doors, Medford - Local to Global Commitment Award
Plexus Corporation, Neenah - Customer Commitment Award

Lifetime Achievement Award in Manufacturing

James S. Haney, President and CEO, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, Madison

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