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**Eight Wisconsin Companies Win
2012 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award**

Milwaukee – Eight Wisconsin companies were awarded a prestigious Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award. The winners were announced Thursday night at a black tie banquet honoring the 58 nominees.

The winners are:

Grand Awards

Greenheck Fan Corporation, Schofield - Mega Category
Walker Forge, Inc., Clintonville - Large Category
Weldall Mfg., Inc., Waukesha - Medium Category
Power Test, Inc., Sussex - Small Category
OEM Fabricators, Inc., Woodville - Workforce Development Category

Special Awards

Alliance Laundry Systems, LLC, Ripon – Market Leadership Award
HUSCO Automotive Holdings, LLC, Whitewater – Technology Innovation & Impact Award
Nekoosa Coated Products, LLC, Nekoosa – Operational Excellence Award

“The determination of the winning companies to remain forward-thinking, stay ahead of the competition in research and development and deliver cutting-edge technology is something all Wisconsin businesses should strive to achieve.” said Tim Christen, CEO of Baker Tilly, one of the program sponsors.

Celebrating its 25th year, the Manufacturer of the Year Award program recognizes manufacturers of all sizes and industries for their contributions to the great state of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year award winners were selected by an independent panel of judges representing industry, education, and the public sector.

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“Selecting winners from 58 well-qualified and deserving candidates proved to be an immensely difficult task for this year’s judges. I would like to commend each and every one of the nominated companies for employing countless Wisconsin citizens and operating at such a level where they have qualified for such a prestigious award” said Tod Linstroth, Senior Partner of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP and a member of the firm’s management committee.

“The eight winners from this year are a testament to the strength of manufacturing in our great state. Their unparalleled success and innovation make Wisconsin proud and give us hope for the future of our business climate” said Kurt R. Bauer, WMC President/CEO.

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.

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NOTE: All links to winner logos and photos below.

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