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Weldall Mfg. Wins
2012 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award
Waukesha company wins medium category grand award

Milwaukee – Weldall Mfg., Inc. is one of eight Wisconsin companies awarded a prestigious Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award. The winners were announced Thursday night at a black tie banquet honoring the 58 nominees.

Weldall Mfg., Inc. is a full-service metal fabrication and metal processing manufacturer that serves a variety of industries such as municipal and government contract requirements, construction equipment, material handling, power generation, mining, nuclear, rail, wind, and medical. Weldall grew from humble beginnings in 1974 in a Quonset hut with five employees. The company's growth required numerous expansions over the decades, ultimately landing at the current location of 220,000 square feet with 275 employees. Weldall has more than doubled their work force in the past two years.

The most recent expansion includes a 600-square-foot room they devote to training people in 12-week terms, thus creating viable manufacturing workers from those who previously knew nothing about the industry. Each training group is recruited from a different source in order to continue recognizing the talent pool of a variety of organizations. At Weldall, they understand long-term recruitment involves planting many seeds and allowing them time to grow which is why they have reached out to local schools independently to develop long-term relationships with educators, students, and parents. Through Weldall's ongoing relationships with area high schools, they have two to four co-op students working at all times and nearly half have become long-term Weldall employees. In addition to recruiting from displaced workers, middle and high schools, Weldall also maintains relationships with organizations that look specifically for work for Veterans as well as individuals recently released from prison.

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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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The 2012 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

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