



PRESS RELEASE
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NOTE: Companies will not learn they have won until the night of the banquet. Do not contact any winners prior to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 27.

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Alto-Shaam, Inc. Wins
2013 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Grand Award
Menomonee Falls company wins workforce development category grand award

Milwaukee – Alto-Shaam, Inc. is one of nine Wisconsin companies awarded a prestigious Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award. The winners were announced Thursday night at a black tie banquet honoring the 34 nominees.

Founded in 1955 and headquartered in Menomonee Falls, Alto-Shaam, Inc. is a global leader providing solutions for customers in the commercial food preparation and medical equipment industries. They were the first company to offer the revolutionary concept of low-temperature cooking in 1955, and continue to transform commercial food preparation. Today, their food cooking products include cook and hold ovens, food warmers, steam and convection combination ovens, fryers, buffet servers, rotisserie ovens, and hot delicatessen cases. Alto-Shaam's products are used in most commercial kitchens in establishments such as hotels, schools, grocery stores, business commissaries, casinos, banquet facilities and cruise ships around the world.

Alto-Shaam invests in their company's future through the continual development of the company's talent and has established the Alto-Shaam University to help prepare and arm all employees with the skills to be successful. An organization truly committed to the growth of its people, they increased employment by more than 50 full time employees in 2013 alone. They have become embedded in local high schools, offering students the ability to learn about their different paths to success such as *Skills2Schools* tours. Alto-Shaam participated in the roll-out of the Second Chance Program for credit deficient high school students. They have employed those students on an on-going basis for the last three years. During the summer of 2013, 14 interns were an integral part of each functional area within their facility.

A highlight for Alto-Shaam is the annual Jerry Maahs Open in support of Lymphoma research. The 5th annual golf tournament attracted over 150 participants and raised over \$60,000 for cancer research in 2013. The funds are directed locally to search for a cure for cancer.

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2013 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Awards Program
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Celebrating its 26th year, the Manufacturer of the Year Award program recognizes manufacturers of all sizes and industries for all that they do to drive Wisconsin's economy. The Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year award winners were selected by an independent panel of judges representing industry, education, and the public sector.

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.

The 2013 winners are:

Grand Awards

Mercury Marine, Fond du Lac - Mega Category
Masters Gallery Foods, Inc., Plymouth - Large Category
Badger Alloys, Inc., Milwaukee - Medium Category
Tailored Label Products, Inc., Menomonee Falls - Small Category
Alto-Shaam, Inc., Menomonee Falls - Workforce Development Category

Special Awards

Alliance Laundry Systems, LLC, Ripon - Investing Locally, Growing Globally Award
Realityworks, Inc., Eau Claire - Innovation Excellence Award
Schuette Metals, Rothschild - Investing in the Future Award
Xten Industries LLC, Kenosha - Employee Engagement & Commitment Award

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