



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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**Masters Gallery Foods, Inc. Wins
2013 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Grand Award**
Plymouth company wins large category grand award

Milwaukee – Masters Gallery Foods, 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.

Masters Gallery Foods, Inc. is a leading national cheese supplier with one of the largest privately held cheese inventories in the country. They operate an impressive state-of-the-art production facility that cuts and wraps cheese products such as cheese sticks, shreds, dice, chunks, loaves and cubes. Their cheese products are distributed throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico with exports into Mexico and other parts of the world. In February 2013, they received the 2012 Manufacturer of the Year award from the Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce and for the 11th consecutive year were selected as a “Wisconsin 75” company, an annual listing of the largest privately held businesses in Wisconsin.

Masters Gallery is a company with extremely high employee positivity; a place where employees truly enjoying being at work. They make an impressive business impact on Wisconsin through buying from in-state farmers which helps to enrich our great state and contribute to its overall improvement. They have also invested in technology and capital equipment. They installed an ultrasonic cutting machine that cuts product with sound waves, the only one of its kind in the United States and one of only two in the world.

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.

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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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