



**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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**Schuette Metals Wins**  
**2013 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Special Award**  
**Rothschild company wins special award for investing in the future**

**Milwaukee** – Schuette Metals 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.

As a metal fabricator, Schuette Metals manufactures components used in finished products by a variety of OEMs in sectors that include architectural, agricultural, energy and defense. They have experienced several expansions and manufactured parts for global OEMs. Company management is leading the way in the formation of the Central Wisconsin Metal Manufacturers Alliance. This group is tasked with reaching students, starting in junior high, with a message that manufacturing is high-tech and full of opportunity. Schuette's team is using its influence and serving as connectors for its suppliers, technical colleges, politicians and others in developing a training curriculum that addresses soft and hard skills for ethnic groups, the unemployed and underemployed.

Schuette won this special award because of their dedication to their skills-based training program. All participants in Schuette's training program receive mentoring on a regular basis. Impressively, they offer two weeks of additional training a year for workers on the shop floor that goes beyond mandatory training.

Celebrating its 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.wimoty.com) or by calling (800) 362-7301.

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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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