



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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Xten Industries LLC Wins
2013 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Special Award
Kenosha company wins special award for operational excellence

Milwaukee – Xten Industries 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.

Based in Kenosha, Xten Industries LLC produces injection-molded components, fully fabricated products and the logistic systems to take them to market. They are experts in the practice of “Multifactoring” which means at the core, they specialize in plastic injection molding. Augmenting that core are assembly and fabrication; complementing production are purchasing, warehousing and inventory management; and completing the job is logistics.

In order to meet growing production demands in 2013, Xten successfully aligned their production schedule to serve both their customers’ and employees’ needs. To bring an even greater emphasis to the importance of safety, they introduced the Xten Bucks reward program. Employees who are identified by their peers and/ or supervisors for performing a specific task or responding to an individual situation in a noticeably safe way will be awarded in-house currency they can redeem for a wide range of gifts items.

Three-year sales growth of 166% earned an award for Xten from Inc. Magazine’s Annual Exclusive List of America’s Fastest-Growing Private Companies. They have also received recognition as ‘Volunteers of the Year’ for participation with local Boys & Girls Clubs. Xten is a proud participant of Manufacturing Month helping to promote manufacturing as a viable career path. They believe that showing growth in all areas while keeping team members happy is the true measure of a successful company.

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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 the Wisconsin 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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