



Manufacturing Excellence AWARDS

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Nomination Deadline

Thursday, July 21, 2011

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Nominate Your Company or a Manufacturer You Know!

An engine that drives prosperity, the manufacturing industry has been, and will continue to be, a vital component of America's success. Every dollar in final sales of manufactured products supports \$1.40 in output from other sectors of the economy and manufacturing represents 12 percent of our gross domestic product. One in six private sector jobs is in or directly tied to manufacturing.

In addition, manufacturing drives innovation and technology which is essential to economic success. Manufacturers are responsible for more than 70 percent of all private sector R&D, which ultimately benefits other manufacturing and non-manufacturing activities. Two-thirds of our nation's total exports of goods and services are related to the manufacturing sector.

NOMINATIONS

You may nominate your company or other AWB members for consideration. Information submitted will remain proprietary for use only by the awards evaluation committee and returned upon written request.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- Green Manufacturing
- Innovation
- Operational Excellence
- Manufacturer of the Year

The evaluation committee has the authority to withhold an award in any category if it is deemed a suitable entry does not exist.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES/CRITERIA

All AWB members are eligible (non-members are ineligible). Judges will determine winners based on the content and quality of the nomination materials. Particular attention will be given to economic impact, product and quality innovation and improvement, corporate responsibility and workforce excellence.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Representatives from each award-winning company will be honored at a special dinner on October 11th at The Davenport Hotel and Tower, Spokane. The dinner will cap off the day's celebration including the opening of the new 70,000 square foot Stannard Technical Education Building at Spokane Community College and the Greater Spokane Inc.'s Manufacturers Expo. Awards designed and created by students at Mead School District "Project Lead the Way" will be presented to recipients. Press releases with photos will be sent to news media statewide. Award recipients will receive recognition in the fall edition of AWB's quarterly magazine Washington Business.

DEADLINE

Nominations must be postmarked, faxed or emailed by Thursday, July 21, 2011.



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NOMINATION
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Information will be used
solely for the purpose of
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NOMINEE INFORMATION

Company _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____
Contact _____
E-mail _____

COMPANY SIZE (please check one)

Small MFR (1-99 employees) Med. MFR (100-499 employees) Large MFR (500+ employees)

NOMINATION CATEGORIES (Select all that apply; committee has the final decision on appropriate category.)

Green Manufacturing Award

Please describe how your firm has maximized energy efficiency levels, gone above and beyond regulatory requirements, minimized waste from the production process and reduced carbon footprint. Converting green manufacturing into a business opportunity will also be considered.

Operational Excellence Award

Please describe what makes the company's manufacturing process distinctive, including continuous improvement, environmental solutions/innovations, lean and six sigma, R&D leadership and/or application of high technology.

Innovation Award

Please describe how your firm has demonstrated significant progress in designing, developing and delivering a blockbuster product concept and how you have maintained a competitive advantage by sustaining considerable innovation while remaining responsive to market demands. Tell us how and why the product(s) manufactured at the facility are unique and innovative.

Manufacturer of the Year Award

This premier award recognizes firms having a commitment to business excellence having a positive impact not only on the firm, but to the local community and Washington state as a whole. In addition, judges will be evaluating the entrepreneurial spirit of the firm and its ability to successfully and creatively find solutions to challenges that raise or enhance the industry standard as well as involvement in state/and or local public policy issues that affect manufacturers.

Please feel free to submit additional information about the firm that may be helpful to the evaluation committee. Supplemental materials could include information such as financial growth or consistency, international growth through exports, annual reports, testimonials, news clips, etc.

FORMAT

Please submit this form and no more than (5) single sided pages detailing the company's program. You may provide a PowerPoint, CD or electronic submittal.

NOMINATED BY

Name _____
Affiliation _____
Company _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____
E-mail _____