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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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Badger Alloys, Inc. Wins 2013 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Grand Award Milwaukee company wins medium category grand award

Milwaukee - Badger Alloys, 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.

Located in the heart of Milwaukee, Badger Alloys, Inc. is a family-owned and operated ferrous and nonferrous sand-casting foundry founded in 1966. From pattern construction or modification, to casting to finish machining, Badger Alloys routinely pours more than 200 different alloys including stainless/high alloy, copper base/non-ferrous and carbon/low alloy steels. This variety of alloys allows the company to meet customers' wide range of needs, whether it be strength, corrosion resistance, ductility, pressure containment or toughness. In 2013, Badger Alloys was proud to be named a "Future 50" company by the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce. This award recognizes privately owned companies that have shown significant revenue and employment growth. Badger Alloys feels strongly about supporting and advancing their community's children – their future workforce.

In 2013, Badger Alloys contributed more than \$50,000 to charities – more than half of which was dedicated to educational and workforce development organizations. Last year, they made a major investment in a Sand Reclamation Unit. At full operation since March of 2013, the unit allows them to reclaim 100 percent of the sand they use within our manufacturing process. The end result is 65,000 pounds kept out of sand out of landfills daily, or nearly 17 million pounds annually.

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 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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