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2011 MANUFACTURERS OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

Orlando---At the annual Manufacturers’ Summit and Global Marketplace on November 30-December 1, 2011 in Orlando, Florida, the Manufacturers Association of Florida announced the winners of this year’s *Manufacturers of the Year* competition.

Our twenty-four judges narrowed the competition to sixteen finalists; winners were chosen in four categories. Each company was judged on: leadership; strategic planning; customer and market focus; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; workforce focus; and process management. In addition to evaluation of applications, tours of finalists’ facilities were made by the judges.

The winners, chosen by category, were:

Up to 60 Employees - Pharmaworks, Inc., Odessa, FL manufactures thermoformers, which are pharmaceutical blister packaging machines. Website: www.pharmaworks.com

61-125 Employees – Goodrich Corporation, Engineered Polymer Products, Jacksonville, FL, designs, tests and manufactures composite structures that are installed in ships, submarines, and aircraft. Website: www.goodrich.com

126-400 Employees – FARO Technologies, Inc., Lake Mary, FL manufactures portable measurement and imaging solutions such as point-to-point contact instruments, non-contact imaging scanners and computer aided measurement software. Website: www.faro.com

Over 400 Employees – Nipro Diagnostics, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, FL manufactures blood glucose monitoring systems. Website: www.niprodiagnostics.com

Other finalists included Anheuser-Busch, InBev, Inc., BAE Systems Southeast Shipyards, Inc., Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Publix Supermarkets – Deli Kitchen, Correct Craft, Inc., Shaw Development, LLC, TimBar Packaging & Display, Entegra Roof Tile, Plasma-Therm, LLC, The Smart Companies, Inc., Florida Machine Works and Worldwide Superabrasives, LLC.

“All of our finalists demonstrate a commitment to excellence in the manufacturing business, but our winners are the “best of the best” manufacturers in Florida this year. We are proud of their commitment to their business, their customers and their employees,” said Nancy Stephens, Executive Director, Manufacturers Association of Florida.

Nominations for the 2012 Manufacturers of the Year will be accepted June 1-August, 2012. Details can be obtained from the website in the spring of 2012 at www.mafmfg.com.

The Manufacturers Association of Florida, founded in 2005, is comprised of manufacturers and those supporting industries interested in improving the business climate for manufacturers in Florida.

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