

## 2016 Montana Manufacturer of the Year Award Application



- 1. Introductory statement.** Provide an up-to-700-word statement detailing why your company deserves to win the 2016 Manufacturer of the Year award. Demonstrate what sets you apart from your competitors.
- 2. Product(s) description.** Feel free to include graphs and photos, but please do not submit actual product samples or product catalogs/brochures.
- 3. Manufacturing process.** Describe any environmental solutions/innovations, R&D leadership and/or application of high technology that makes your company stand out. Please include any certifications, etc. to demonstrate that.
- 4. Operational performance, continuous improvement, and best practices.** Give examples of how your company rises above others.
- 5. Management Philosophy/Workforce Development.** Include information on leadership efforts and employee betterment programs, including education and training, benefits and rewards, health, and safety.
- 6. Economic Achievement, Financial Stability, Sustainability.** What is your corporate structure (Partnership? Corporation? Other?) Note years in business – longevity is a plus, but not a requirement. Tell if you have family involvement in the company. Explain how your company is financially sound.

Growth and profitability are important. Financial statements are not necessary, but include the following information for the past three years: annual sales revenue, separated by domestic and foreign sources. Exporting is a plus. Any financial information provided will be kept confidential and judges are asked to sign confidentiality agreements prior to review of the material.

- 7. Community Involvement and Outreach.** Include information that demonstrates your leadership in the industry and community. Detail any partnerships, collaborations, and or efforts to raise awareness of manufacturing and its contribution to Montana's economy. Note any environmental practices.

You're any corporate responsibility efforts, such as volunteerism unrelated to your company. This should also include any media about your company and/or awards/recognition received.

- 8. Concluding Statement.** Tell why you should win this award. What will it mean to you? How will you use it in the future? How will it help the Montana Manufacturing Council and manufacturing in Montana?

Submit complete application by close of business, Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017 to:

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