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The Sterling Council Announces Six Regional Manufacturers Recognized for High Performance

Tallahassee, FL (May 31, 2024) – Four Florida and Georgia manufacturers have earned the 2024 Sterling Manufacturing Business Excellence (SMBE) Award. A fifth and sixth have been recognized for High Performing and Innovative Operations. The SMBE Awards and recognition are given annually to regional manufacturers who achieve high levels of performance in several categories, including leadership, strategy, customer and market focus, measurement, analysis, knowledge management, workforce, and operations. The 2024 SMBE recognition is given to:

Gold Awardee

-GE Vernova Onshore Wind, Pensacola, FL (Website: www.gevernova.com/wind-power/onshore-wind)

Silver Awardees

-G-Force Aerospace Manufacturing, Pooler, GA (g-forcemanufacturing.com/who-we-are/)
-Techfit Digital Surgery, Inc., Daytona Beach, FL (www.techfit-ds.com)

Bronze Awardee

-Cathedral Corporation, Orlando, FL (www.cathedralcorporation.com/about-us)

High Performing and Innovative Operations Awardees

-A&M Manufacturing, Inc., Alachua, FL (ammanufacturing.com)
-Invisacook, Inc., Bunnell, FL (invisacook.com)

“It is an honor for the Sterling Council to highlight and recognize these six manufacturers. Every day they demonstrated high performance in the Florida and Georgia manufacturing sectors,” said Roland Martinez, Chairman of the Sterling Council. “These companies have each undergone an intensive and demanding process assessing their ability to address strategic challenges and align company resources to achieve their mission for enduring success. They represent the best of regional manufacturing. On behalf of The Sterling Council and our regional partners, I congratulate each company for these awards.”

These six companies rose to the top in a field of 80 regional manufacturers nominated for this year’s awards. A team of Sterling Council-trained examiners and manufacturing community representatives contributed their time and expertise to evaluate the nominees, including virtual site visits and interviews with managers and employees of each manufacturer.

The Sterling Council celebrated and showcased these companies as they received their awards at the 32nd Annual Sterling Awards Banquet on May 31, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando. They will be

featured in plant tours and other activities for sharing best practices to benefit Florida's manufacturing sector. For more information about the SMBE Award, please visit <https://www.floridasterling.com/smbea/> or contact the Sterling Council at SMBEA@thesterlingcouncil.org.

The Sterling Council established in 1992; is a public/private not-for-profit corporation supported by the Executive Office of the Governor. The Council oversees the Governor's Sterling Award for Performance Excellence and the Georgia Oglethorpe Award presented annually to high performing, role-model organizations, both private and public, who demonstrate superior management approaches and role model results. Sterling's annual conference teaches participants how to elevate performance and increase productivity. Nearly 600 executives and professionals gather at this event each year for a one-stop source for education, information, and inspiration. The conference concludes with the recognition of best practices, the Team Showcase Champion, and the presentation of Sterling, Oglethorpe, and Manufacturing Business Excellence Awards. For more information, please contact Gayle Thompson at (850) 922-5316 or visit www.thesterlingcouncil.org.