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## **FINALISTS NAMED, TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR 2011 SILVER CRESCENT AWARDS**

*22 in contention for honors based on world-class standards in manufacturing,  
commitment to workforce, community and environment*

**GREENVILLE, S.C., August 2, 2011** – Twenty-two finalist companies will compete for top honors in the 2011 *Silver Crescent Awards for Manufacturing Excellence*, the acclaimed annual program which recognizes the achievements and contributions of South Carolina's top manufacturers. Winners will be announced September 22<sup>nd</sup> at a recognition luncheon in Greenville, and a limited number of tickets and tables of eight are now available.

Now in its tenth year, the exclusive annual recognition program honors manufacturing organizations from across the Palmetto State for their contributions to South Carolina's educational system, commitment to workforce, environmental stewardship, and product or process improvements. Past *Silver Crescent Award* recipients include such notables as Bridgestone-Firestone, BorgWarner, Alcoa, Sonoco, GE Energy and Packaging Corporation of America.

“Our evaluation system has reviewed every nominee's support of education within their community, as well as their commitment to workforce development and work-life balance,” said Tony Smith, chairman of The Silver Crescent Foundation, which annually bestows the awards. “Support of environmental programs, green or sustainability initiatives, product or process improvement, and innovation and efficiency programs were also considered. Our goal is to recognize the best of the best in South Carolina manufacturing – whether large, medium or small in company size – and these 22 finalists represent the very best our state has to offer.”

Named as finalists for honors in the competition are:

### **Large Manufacturer Finalists (500+ employees)**

Cummins Turbo Technologies, Ladson  
Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation, Gaffney  
Honda of SC Manufacturing, Inc., Timmonsville  
Lockheed Martin, Greenville  
Michelin North America, Greenville  
Robert Bosch LLC, Charleston

### **Mid-Sized Manufacturer Finalists (200-499 employees)**

BorgWarner, Seneca  
Domtar Paper Company, LLC - Marlboro Mill, Bennettsville  
Jostens, Inc., Laurens  
Shaw Industries Group, IN, Central  
US Engine Valve, Westminster

### **Small Manufacturer Finalists (199 or less employees)**

ADEX Machining Technologies, Greenville  
Cox Industries, Inc., Orangeburg  
Cytec Industries, Inc., North Augusta  
G & G Metal Fabrication, Inc., Sumter  
Meritor, Manning  
Precision Machine Components, Brunson  
PropertyBoss Solutions, Greenville  
Rina's Kitchen, Inc., Summerville  
SKF Charleston, North Charleston  
Sumter Packaging Corp., Sumter  
Treblig, Inc., Greenville

The winners will be honored on September 22 at the *Salute To Manufacturing Awards Luncheon* at the TD Bank Convention Center (formerly Carolina First Center) in Greenville, South Carolina. Awards will be presented in the Small, Midsized and Large Manufacturer Categories. A special *IT in Manufacturing* award will also be presented.

Tickets to the luncheon are \$40 per person, and are available online at [www.silvercrescentsc.org](http://www.silvercrescentsc.org) or from program administrator Sharon Halsey at (803) 657-6183. Sponsorship packages inclusive of tickets are also available. Seating is limited, and interested attendees are encouraged to secure their tickets immediately.

Presented annually by The Silver Crescent Foundation, the *2011 Silver Crescent Awards* are co-sponsored by *Marketplace Staffing*, one of South Carolina's leading staffing and productivity solution providers, by *CPM Federal Credit Union*, by *Dream It, Do It of South Carolina*, and by *SC Biz News, LLC*.

"We want to encourage as many manufacturers, as well as suppliers-partners to manufacturers, to attend the luncheon program and mix and mingle with our state's top manufacturing executives," said Smith. "By being there, they can benefit from networking with top manufacturing executives, and learn some of the innovative programs and capabilities of the state's leading manufacturers. It's a great opportunity for Palmetto State businesses."

To learn more about the *Silver Crescent Awards* and the *Salute to Manufacturing Luncheon*, visit [www.SilverCrescentSC.org](http://www.SilverCrescentSC.org) or contact Sharon Halsey at (803) 657-6183.

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