

# 2018 MANUFACTURING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

## FINALISTS AND WINNERS

### **The Carlisle Associates Smart Move South Carolina Award (New Facility). WINNERS:**

- Arthrex, Inc.
- Keurig Dr. Pepper
- Samsung South Carolina
- Volvo Car Group

### **The Carlisle Associates Smart Move South Carolina Award (Facility Expansion). WINNERS:**

- BMW Manufacturing
- Mercedes Benz Vans
- Ruiz Food Products

### **Outstanding Manufacturing Lifetime Service Award**

*This award recognizes an individual whose contributions have had a significant and lasting impact on the South Carolina manufacturing community over a number of years. FINALISTS:*

- Danny Johnson — North Industrial Machine
- Don Erickson — Lockheed Martin, Corp.
- Tom O’Hanlan — Sea Level Systems, Inc. **(WINNER)**

### **Innovator of the Year Award**

*Award recognizes a company that has — through the innovation of new devices, ideas/inventions and/or processes — transformed their business and bettered the South Carolina manufacturing community. FINALISTS:*

- Becton Dickinson — Sumter
- Fab Fours — Lancaster **(WINNER)**

### **Outreach Award**

*Honors a manufacturer making a tangible and measurable impact on communities in South Carolina. FINALISTS:*

- BMW Manufacturing — Spartanburg
- Shaw Industries Group, Inc. — Columbia/Clemson **(WINNER)**
- Sonoco — Hartsville

### **Emerging Manufacturer of the Year Award**

*Award presented to one company that has been in operation for five or fewer years and has demonstrated superior performance. FINALISTS:*

- AHT Cooling Systems, USA, Inc. — Ladson **(WINNER)**
- Brackish Bow Ties — Charleston
- PROOF Alcohol Ice Cream — Columbia

## **Transformation and Operational Excellence Award**

*Honors a company that can demonstrate to the business community real-world, bottom line results achieved through the adoption of continuous improvement and/or operational excellence tools and techniques. FINALISTS:*

### **100+ Employees**

- Itron, Inc. — West Union
- Komatsu American Corp. — Newberry **(WINNER)**
- Sportsman Boats — Summerville

### **21 — 100 Employees**

- Fukoku — Laurens
- Koss Creative Brands — Columbia
- Solvay Specialty Polymers — Rock Hill **(WINNER)**

### **Under 20 Employees**

- Atlantic Tooling & Fabricating Co. — Quinby **(WINNER)**
- Coastal Hydraulics, Inc. — North Charleston
- NanoScreen, LLC — North Charleston

### **Minority-Owned**

- JBE, Inc. — Hartsville
- The Greenhouse Company of SC — Columbia
- Wholesale Boutique — Myrtle Beach **(WINNER)**