



## MANUFACTURING CONFERENCE AWARDS SELECTION CRITERIA

***Please send no more than a one-page document detailing the firms' achievements and why they should be chosen. This document will be used by the selection committee to choose from the three finalists. Once complete, send to Chuck Spangler (cspangler@scmep.org) by September 11, 2019.***

1. 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 several years.

Please, in one page or less, describe what the individual has contributed to the South Carolina manufacturing community over the last ten plus years. Make sure to list all accomplishments.

2. Innovator of the Year Award - This 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.

Please detail, in one page or less, how the company has used innovation to improve their business and had an impact on the South Carolina manufacturing community.

3. Outreach Award - This award honors a manufacturer making a tangible and measurable impact on communities in South Carolina.

Please list, in one page or less, how the company has made a measurable impact on a community or communities in South Carolina. The selection committee would like to see measurable numbers, if possible, and testimonies from those that have benefited from the outreach.

4. Emerging Manufacturer of the Year Award - This award is presented to one company that has been in operation for five or fewer years and has demonstrated superior performance.

Please provide, in one page or less, how the company has grown over the last five years or less. The selection committee will need the following information along with the one pager:

Percentage of increased sales over the last five years or less.

Increase in new employees over the last five years or less.



5. Transformation and Operational Excellence Award - This is awarded to 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.

The selection committee requests a one-page summary detailing what the company has done from an operational excellence perspective to improve the firm's performance. In addition to the one-page summary, the selection committee is seeking supporting data to show:

- An increase in sales
- An increase in market share
- A reduction in costs
- An increase in profitability
- An increase in employment

Awards will be made in each of the following categories:

- A. 100+ Employees
- B. 21-100 Employees
- C. Under 20 Employees
- D. Minority Owned

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