

HARBEC AWARDED FOR SUSTAINABILITY IN MANUFACTURING

Sustainable manufacturer is among a distinguished list of 2012 honorees.

HARBEC, Inc. has been honored again for being an innovator in sustainable manufacturing and is thrilled to announce that it will be awarded a 2012 Manufacturing Leadership 100 Award in Sustainability. Manufacturing Executive, a global community for manufacturing leadership, is the producer of the Manufacturing Leadership Summit and ML100 Awards program. They selected HARBEC based on its ability to implement “projects that demonstrate they have thoroughly embraced manufacturing processes that are non-polluting, conserve energy and natural resources, and are economically sound and safe for employees, communities, and consumers. Winners will be able to show a broad and deep commitment to sustainability by, for example, rethinking product design, implementing meaningful metrics, or putting into place policies that ensure sustainable practices internally and across their supply networks”. The Manufacturing Executive portfolio of services (www.manufacturingexecutive.com) also includes the Manufacturing Leadership Council and the Manufacturing Executive Leadership Journal.

Through its Green Energy initiative, HARBEC became environmentally conscious long before the current widespread focus on sustainability and long before most banks or government agencies were willing to finance investments in alternative energy. In the early 2000s, after several years of research and advocacy, the company became the first small injection molding manufacturer to implement a combination of on-site wind and gas-fired co-generation power sources, enabling the company to significantly reduce its energy costs as well as its carbon footprint. Now HARBEC is taking the next step, significantly expanding its on-site alternative energy generation capacity while also investing in processes and systems that will allow it to become one of the first U.S. organizations to receive ISO 50001 certification. At the same time, HARBEC is participating in a regional initiative that will allow other manufacturers in its area to tap into HARBEC’s alternative, low-carbon-emission energy sources.

In December 2011, Epicor nominated HARBEC for the award for its exemplary sustainability standards and utilization of the Carbon Connect module. An independent judging panel chaired by David R. Brousell, Vice President & Editorial Director, and Jeff Moad, Executive Editor of Manufacturing Executive, reviewed project and individual achievement nominations, and the winners were decided by a panel of qualified judges from various companies and organizations in the manufacturing industry.

HARBEC will be honored and presented with its Manufacturing Leadership 100 Award for Sustainability at the Awards Gala, held on the last day of the Manufacturing Leadership Summit, taking place, April 29 – May 2 at The Breakers in Palm Beach, FL. More than 200 manufacturing technology executives are expected to attend.

Bob Bechtold, HARBEC's owner, is looking forward to attending the event. "HARBEC is honored to be chosen for this ML100 Award in Sustainable Manufacturing. This expression of recognition will provide credibility to our efforts and help to heighten the awareness of other manufacturers." HARBEC will continue to pursue sustainable practices and technology, meanwhile improving its environmental footprint at no added cost to its customers.

About HARBEC

Founded by Bob Bechtold in 1977, HARBEC's mission is to provide tightly toleranced prototypes, tooling, machined components and quality injection molded parts in a sustainable manner with a social conscience. They provide superior customer service, satisfaction and timely delivery of custom engineered solutions. HARBEC proudly fosters an atmosphere of encouragement and respect for the health and prosperity of their customers, employees, and the global community.

HARBEC is certified as an ITAR, ISO9000-2008 and ISO14001 Company, demonstrating its use of "eco-economic" decisions and policies designed to ensure that its activities are sustainable. HARBEC has developed and implemented a myriad of solutions to offset emissions, utilize waste and conserve resources. HARBEC has a goal of "no carbon footprint by 2013." Currently, the facility has a 250kW wind turbine and a twenty-five microturbine combined heat and power plant which generates electricity and thermal to meet the heating and cooling requirements of the facility. For more information, please visit: www.HARBEC.com.

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