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Treasure Coast manufacturers dominate South Florida awards

Treasure Coast/March 27, 2018 -- Treasure Coast based manufacturers dominated this year's South Florida Manufacturer's Association (SFMA) Manufacturer of the Year Awards, presented this month at the organization's 39th annual recognition event.

Five of the 18 finalists and three of the eight award winners were Treasure Coast companies. D & D Welding & Fabrication (Fort Pierce) won in the 1-40 employee category, Advanced Machine and Tool (Fort Pierce) took the top award in the 41-100 employee category, and Pursuit Boats (Fort Pierce) was the runner-up in the 201+ employee category. Investment Casting Specialists of Florida (Fort Pierce and Vero Beach) and GEI Works (Sebastian) were finalists.

In addition, Advanced Machine and Tool has been advanced to semi-finalist status for the 2018 Sterling Manufacturing Business Excellence Award. The statewide Sterling Awards are presented by the governor in June. Shurhold Industries (Palm City) was named as a runner-up last year.

At its 40,000-square-foot facility, Advanced Machine and Tool provides high-precision machine shop services for utilities, energy companies, the U.S. Department of Defense, NASA and others.

"We are extremely honored to have the opportunity to be recognized at a statewide level for manufacturing excellence," said Jerry Jacques, Advanced Machine and Tool general manager. "We invest in our people and in our facilities to ensure that we are meeting our customers' requirements and we take great pride in meeting the high ISO-9001 global quality standard." Jacques also serves as the Treasure Coast Manufacturers Association president.

About the Treasure Coast Manufacturers Association

The not-for-profit Treasure Coast Manufacturers Association was formed in 2016 to promote the collective interests of manufacturing, distribution and wholesale trade companies, advocate public policy and focus on mutual areas of concern within the business sector. For more information, visit <http://www.tcmamfg.com>.

About the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County

The EDC is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting economic vitality in St. Lucie County through the attraction, retention and expansion of businesses in the community. The EDC works in partnership with local governments and the private sector to advance its goals of creating more and better-paying jobs for residents, broadening the tax base and improving St. Lucie County's economic quality of life. Contact the EDC at 772.336.6250 or <http://www.youredc.com>.