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Fox Valley Metal Tech is nominated for the 20th annual Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award.

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Fox Valley Metal Tech is one of seven Northeast Wisconsin companies that are nominated for the Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award. The award exemplifies the elite of manufacturing in innovation, commitment to excellence, dedication to employees and investment in Wisconsin communities. The Green Bay Press Gazette Newspaper did a featured article on FVMT's nomination and interviews with President John West and VP of Operations Steve Corbeille. The article by Richard Ryman pointed out the key factors about why FVMT is a worthy and excellent candidate for the award.

The solid financials that FVMT is able to deliver are proven with the increased sales over the last three years. Customers are increasing their orders from \$11 million annually to \$22 million. FVMT has invested in state-of-the-art equipment to support the increase work. The equipment has eliminated bottlenecks in the factory and has provided the extra capacity to allow the growth to occur. Obtaining ISO 9001-2000 certification signifies that the quality processes are in place to insure consistent products and to continuously improve. Hiring of skilled employees and investing in an existing skilled workforce provides the basis for providing customers with quality custom parts and fabrications. Training in blue print reading, Lean Manufacturing processes and welding processes has eliminated waste, reduced rework and increased throughput.

The article by Ryman pointed out several additional interesting items about FVMT. The company has shown continuous growth every year except one since 1989. The company started in a rented space with 10,000 sq. ft. and now owns the facilities with 74,500 sq. ft. and has a building expansion planned that will increase space to 110,000 sq. ft.. FVMT works closely with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and provides on-the-job training opportunities for students. FVMT hosted President George W. Bush in August of 2006 that included a tour of the facility in which the President was able to meet employees and learned to operate a precision press brake.

FVMT's nomination for Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award is in the medium size company category of 50 to 299 employees. The company is rated and compared to the other 23 candidates in the medium category. FVMT provided information about the company profile, financial growth and consistency, types of products produced, manufacturing process, management philosophy and customer focus, operational excellence and continuous improvement, community support, application of high-technology and other information relevant to the nomination.

Fox Valley Metal-Tech., Inc. provides sheet metal fabrication services to produce quality custom parts, fabrications and assemblies for stainless steel, aluminum and steel. Capabilities include laser and water jet cutting, CNC precision press brake forming, welding to AWS and military standards, metal finishing, and other related services. Industries currently served include custom machine builders, paper industry, packaging equipment, car wash equipment, food handling and processing equipment, water treatment, safety equipment, marine and shipbuilding, construction, crane industry, electrical enclosure, and drying equipment. Fox Valley Metal-Tech., Inc. is a privately held S-Corporation established in 1989. For further information, please contact John West, Fox Valley Metal-Tech., Inc., 1201 Parkview Road, Green Bay, WI 54304, Phone 1 (800) 469-9004. Company Website, www.fvmt.com.