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From motor vehicles and rockets to aircraft and steel, Alabama manufacturers are making a global impact and redefining what it means to be Made in America.

Last month, the Business Council of Alabama (BCA), the Alabama Technology Network (ATN), and Manufacture Alabama celebrated the manufacturers that exemplify excellence in their industry and announced the recipients of the 2025 Manufacturer of the Year Awards in Montgomery.

The awards recognize Alabama's exceptional products and the skilled workforce, innovators, and visionary leaders behind them.

"Manufacturers are at the foundation of Alabama's economy—creating jobs, driving innovation, and investing in communities across our state," said Jon

Barganier, president and CEO of Manufacture Alabama. "We are proud to join together to recognize their achievements through the Manufacturer of the Year Awards, standing alongside them

cellence, continuous improvement, profitable growth, and investment in training and retraining. There are four categories: small, medium, large, and emerging manufacturers.

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—HELENA DUNCAN, BCA PRESIDENT AND CEO

in advocating for policies that ensure their continued growth and competitiveness."

Independent judges selected winners based on criteria including superior performance in customer focus, employee commitment, operational ex-

"From ingenuity to sustainability, Alabama manufacturers continue to raise the bar for excellence," said Keith Phillips, executive director of ATN. "Their adaptability and determination ensure that manufacturing will remain a cornerstone of Alabama's economy for years to come."



After 25 years, the Manufacturer of the Year Awards continue to bring together dignitaries, industry leaders, and finalists from every corner of the state. Secretary of the Alabama Department of Workforce Greg Reed was the keynote speaker.

Austal USA, Heat Transfer Products Group, Milo's Tea Company, Northrop Grumman Corporation, United Launch Alliance, King Kutter Incorporated, McVantage Packaging, Premier Tech, Remmert & Company, Westervelt Lumber, Boost Digital Displays, Induron Protective Coatings, SignMaster, and SWJ Technology were among the finalists.

"Alabama's economy is largely built on the strength of its manufacturers. Their work is not only about producing goods—it's about creating careers, sparking new ideas, and driving growth in every corner of our state," said Helena Duncan, president and CEO of BCA. "The Manufacturer of the Year Awards highlight the leadership, dedication, and community impact that make our

manufacturing sector so vital. We are proud to celebrate this year's winners for the role they play in shaping Alabama's success story."

Alabama's 290,000 manufacturing employees have an impressive portfolio, including vehicles, aerospace components, chemicals, minerals, metals, and paper products. These products reach 196 countries and contribute a total export value of \$19.25 billion.

Today, manufacturing accounts for 16.21% of Alabama's total output and employs 13.11% of the state's workforce, driving economic growth and sustaining local communities.

The winners of this year's awards were as follows:

SMALL MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR:

MRaine Industries; Autaugaville, AL

Based in Autaugaville, Alabama, MRaine Industries produces Eleven86 Real Artesian Water. Sourced from a

deep aquifer protected by layers of rock and earth, this pure artesian water is untouched by surface contaminants and pollutants. Reached only by a well, it delivers a naturally clean and refreshing taste straight from the heart of central Alabama.

MEDIUM MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR:

EFI Automotive – Electricfil Corporation; Elkmont, AL

EFI Automotive USA, located in Elkmont, Alabama, is the North American headquarters of EFI Automotive. Since 2004, they've specialized in designing and manufacturing sensors, actuators, and activators that improve vehicle efficiency, support e-mobility, and enhance driving performance. With 80 years of global expertise, EFI is committed to innovation, responsibility, and sustainability in the automotive industry.



LARGE MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR:

ArcelorMittal Calvert; Calvert, AL

ArcelorMittal Calvert, located just north of Mobile in Calvert, Alabama, is one of the world's most advanced steel finishing facilities. The plant serves industries from automotive to construction and features a hot strip mill, cold rolling mill, and galvanizing lines. Focusing on high-strength steel for lighter, more fuel-efficient vehicles, ArcelorMittal Calvert is powering innovation in manufacturing and beyond.

EMERGING MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR:

Peak Renewables; Dothan, AL

With its bioenergy facility, Peak Renewables is bringing new energy to Dothan, Alabama. The site will produce 150,000 tons of biomass pellets each year using sawmill residuals. With a mission rooted in sustainability, Peak Renewables is creating jobs, repurposing legacy sites, and leading the shift toward clean, renewable energy for a stronger future.



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- KEITH PHILLIPS, ATN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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