

Vantage **Plastics**: Awards

Michigan 50 Companies to Watch 2012 Awardee -

Purpose:

MCSB brings together the resources of collaborative partners and supporters so that they may raise the profile of small businesses in Michigan, build a network of entrepreneurial companies, and tell the stories of successful, growing Michigan entrepreneurs.

Vision Statement:

Michigan Celebrates Small Business (MCSB) remains on the forefront of championing small business and fostering the entrepreneurial spirit in Michigan. The MCSB's role is to serve as a catalyst for creating an entrepreneurial culture while inspiring the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Mission Statement:

The mission of MCSB is to honor and recognize Michigan's small business people and those champions and advocates that support them.

<https://www.michigancelebrates.biz/>

Society of Plastics Engineers Member

The objective of the Society is to promote the scientific and engineering knowledge relating to plastics. SPE is the largest, most well-known plastics professional society in the world. It is the professional "home" for nearly 14,000 plastics professionals around the globe. For more than 70 years, it has stood as the center for technical information, training, networking, and knowledge-sharing source for plastics professionals who want to advance in their knowledge and their careers.

<http://www.4spe.org/membership/>

U.S. Department of Energy 2008 Energy Champion

This prestigious award is given to those people who demonstrate a continued excellence in lowering energy usage. The Department of Energy's Advanced Manufacturing Office annually reviews manufacturers from all over the United States, and recognizes those who excel at saving energy. The "Energy Champion" Award is given to those companies that reduce their usage by more than 250,000 MMBtu total energy savings or more than 15% total energy savings.

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/manufacturing/tech_assistance/assessment_recommendations.html

SolidWorks Certification - Solid Molding Specialist

Steve Beyersdorf, Designer and Engineer, has been certified in SolidWorks after passing the CSWP Exam. The CSWP exam is a comprehensive, non-proctored online exam that tests an individual's ability to design and analyze parametric parts and movable assemblies using a variety of complex features in SolidWorks, including design validation tools. A Certified SolidWorks Professional is an individual that has successfully passed this exam.

<http://www.solidworks.com/sw/support/mcad-certification-programs.htm>

Michigan Works! Region 7B Consortium 2012 Employer of the Year

Highlights a private sector employer that, in partnership with a Michigan Works! Agency, goes beyond the call of duty, continuously contributes to local job-placement and/or promotes education to maintain a skilled workforce.

<http://www.michiganworks.org/>

2013 John G. Thodis Michigan Manufacturer of the Year - Small Tier Finalist

The John G. Thodis Michigan Manufacturer of the Year Award has been recognizing the outstanding contributions of manufacturing leaders since 1981. The award brings exceptional industry leaders into the spotlight and honors MMA's longest serving president, John Thodis. The winners are selected by an independent judging panel, comprised of representatives from academia, economic councils and industry leadership.

<http://mimfg.org/SeminarsEvents/MichiganManufacturingWeek/ManufactureroftheYearAward.aspx>