



Call for Nominations!

2009 Quality Plant OF THE YEAR



“Quality” plants deserve special recognition. That’s why *Quality Magazine* is presenting its 2009 *Quality Plant of the Year Award*.

The award is open to manufacturing plants in the United States. The plant must be involved in making and measuring, testing or inspecting discrete parts. We’re looking for plants that have applied world-class quality technology, equipment, services and techniques that result in reducing scrap, rework, warranty or manufacturing costs, improve productivity or cycle time, increase capacity or improve adherence to quality standards.

Quality Magazine’s Plant of the Year award recognizes both a small plant of 250 or fewer employees and a large plant of more than 250 employees for its outstanding achievements in quality.

Anyone can nominate a plant—employees, suppliers and casual observers are welcome to make submissions. **Deadline for nomination forms is November 10, 2008. All nomination forms MUST include a list of equipment, and brand, used**

in the manufacturing facility. Nominations without this list will be disqualified.

The *Quality Plant of the Year* will be announced at the 2009 *Quality Measurement Conference*. In addition, each winning plant will be profiled in the April 2009 issue of *Quality Magazine*. The winning plants must be available for interviews and photographs in January 2009.

An official nomination form must be filled out and returned to *Quality Magazine* by November 10, 2008.

All nominations will be evaluated by a review board of quality and manufacturing experts. The winning plants will receive notification in January 2009.

Please use the attached nomination form. An online version is available at www.qualitymag.com.

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OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

1 Name of plant and address:

2 Number of employees:

3 Type of product manufactured:

4 Name of plant manager and contact info. (phone # and/or email):

This individual may be contacted for additional information.

5 Name of chief manufacturing or quality engineer and contact info. (phone # and/or email):

This individual may be contacted for additional information.

6 What makes this plant unique?*

7 How has this plant demonstrated world-class quality processes? Cite specific examples.*

8 Why does this facility deserve to be the Quality Plant of the Year?*

9 Nominated by (please include your name, title, company name, telephone number and e-mail address):

For questions 6-8, please tell us:

(Provide as much detail as possible. Use additional space if necessary.)

*How have manufacturing processes been improved through the use of new test, measurement and/or inspection technology, software and/or services?

*How has this plant improved the application of existing test, measurement and/or inspection technology, software and/or services technology?

*What steps has the plant made to reduce production, scrap, rework and warranty costs? List warranty costs as a percentage of sales and the percent of scrap and rework to sales.

*How have new quality technologies and processes resulted in improved productivity?

*What steps has the plant made to reduce defects and product quality to internal and/or external set standards?

*How has this plant boosted bottom-line profits and competitive advantage?

*What role did operators/technicians play in the successful implementation of new quality technologies and strategies?

*How has a specific product been designed to ensure quick, efficient and effective test, measurement and/or inspection?

*Provide your corporate quality goals. List improvements above these goals.

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