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Virginia Manufacturing Cup Winners Announced
-Xcellerated Offshore Takes Best in Show-

RICHMOND, VA – The Virginia Manufacturers Association (VMA) celebrated excellence and innovation in the manufacturing sector at its annual Virginia Manufacturing Gala held on October 27th at the Williamsburg Lodge. The event brought together industry leaders to recognize “the coolest things” made in Virginia and their companies.

The Virginia Manufacturing Cup category awards recognized top products in nine industry categories.

The top three overall winners were announced by the 2023 Virginia Manufacturing Cup Chair – the Honorable Caren Merrick, Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade, who expressed her admiration for the remarkable accomplishments of these top companies and emphasized their role in driving economic growth, job creation, and innovation in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The 2023 competition received an overwhelming response with almost 75,000 votes cast by the public. The 2023 Virginia Manufacturing Cup winners were:

1st Place and Best in Show: Xcellerated Offshore

- Xcellerated Offshore won the prestigious Best in Show title for their performance marine pleasure craft with speeds over 150 mph. This remarkable achievement highlights Xcellerated Offshore's commitment to innovation and cutting-edge technology in the transportation equipment sector. The **XLR3800R** is manufactured in Hopewell, VA.

2nd Place: Service Center Metals

- Service Center Metals secured second-place for their groundbreaking product, the **SCM Emerald Eco-Billet®**, setting a new standard for consistency, quality, and sustainability in the fabrication of metal products. The SCM Emerald Eco-Billet® is manufactured in Prince George County, VA.

3rd Place: WestRock

- WestRock claimed the third-place position for their product, **EnShield® SBS**, a bleached virgin paperboard known for its medium-level oil and grease resistance. This recognition highlights WestRock's continued dedication to excellence in the lumber, wood, and paper products category. EnShield SBS® is manufactured in Covington, VA.

This year's Category winners were as follows:

Chemicals and Allied Products and Pharmaceuticals

- **Gold:** AdvanSix for their product, **Sulf-N® ammonium sulfate fertilizer**. Sulf-N® replenishes soil sulfur and provides efficient nitrogen, enhancing crop yields.

- **Silver:** QualiChem Inc for their product, **Metalworking Fluids**, used in industrial machining and grinding operations.

Fabricated Metal Products

- **Gold:** Service Center Metals for their innovative SCM Emerald Eco-Billet®, a product known for its consistency, quality, high recycled material content, and low carbon footprint.
- **Silver:** Wellborn + Wright for their Steel Fenestration Doors and Windows, delivering elegant and minimal sightlines for residential and commercial spaces.
- **Bronze:** Wind River Chimes for their Corinthian Bells wind chime, known for its melodic and soothing sounds, crafted with heavy-walled aluminum tubing.

Food, Beverage, Tobacco

- **Gold:** AdvanSix for their Carbon Dioxide addition to beverages, providing sparkle and preservation.
- **Silver:** WhiteHouse Foods for their Applesauce, made from U.S apples, free from high fructose corn syrup and artificial ingredients.
- **Bronze:** Live Pure for their innovative Live Pure Smoothie Cubes, offering a convenient and nutritious way to enjoy smoothies.

Furniture and Fixtures

- **Gold:** Marvin Windows for their Essential™ collection, combining design, quality, and performance in fiberglass windows.
- **Silver:** Clore for their comfortable Fancy Master Rocker rocking chair.
- **Bronze:** Vaughan-Bassett for their Dovetail King Poster Bed, featuring honest and authentic materials and American craftsmanship.

Industrial and Commercial Machinery

- **Gold:** Sumitomo for their Paramax 9000 Extruder Drive, used in the production of continuous products such as tubing, tire treads, and wire coverings.
- **Silver:** Advansix for their Nadone® HDR® cyclohexanone, ideal for applications sensitive to oxygen or peroxide.
- **Bronze:** MELD for their MELD Machine, offering a solid-state metal additive manufacturing process.

Lumber, Wood, Paper Products

- **Gold:** WestRock for EnShield® SBS, a bleached virgin paperboard with oil and grease resistance.
- **Silver:** Qubica AMF for Boutique Bowling Lanes, providing a fresh take on bowling facilities.
- **Bronze:** Wellborn + Wright for their versatile Wood Flooring, Beams, Wallboard, and Mantels.

Miscellaneous Manufacturing

- **Gold:** Alfa Laval Inc. for their Brazed Plate Heat Exchanger Model CB112, a technology for distributing hot and cold mediums.
- **Silver:** DuPont for their Kevlar® EXO™, offering flexibility and protection in body armor.
- **Bronze:** STIHL for the GTA 26 Battery Powered Garden Pruner, delivering precise cutting performance.

Rubber, Misc Plastics, Textiles

- **Gold:** Church & Dwight for Trojan™ Brand Condoms, trusted for over one hundred years.
- **Silver:** Circ for their efforts to turn fashion waste into renewable fashion circles.

Transportation Equipment

- **Gold:** Xcellerated Offshore for the XLR3800R, a high-speed performance marine pleasure craft.
- **Silver:** GoodYear for their Bias Aircraft Tire, engineered with a rigid sidewall for stability.
- **Bronze:** Volvo for their Volvo Truck Cabs.

The Virginia Manufacturers Association congratulates all the winners for their exceptional products and contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia. These companies exemplify the spirit of innovation and excellence that drives Virginia's manufacturing sector forward.

About Virginia Manufacturers Association (VMA)

The VMA develops and advocates for constructive public policies and supports a broad array of business services and programs to help ensure that Virginia manufacturing companies can be productive, profitable, and competitive in Virginia. Virginia's 6,000+ manufacturers employ over 239,000 individuals, contribute \$49.5 billion to the gross state product, and account for over 80% of the Commonwealth's manufactured goods exports to the global economy. For more about the VMA, please visit www.va-mfg.com.