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Enter to Win: The 2022 National Metalworking Reshoring Award – Now Accepting Entries

<u>The Reshoring Initiative</u>, in conjunction with <u>AMT – The Association For Manufacturing</u> <u>Technology</u>, the <u>Precision Metalforming Association (PMA)</u>, and the <u>National Tooling and</u> <u>Machining Association (NTMA)</u>, is looking to recognize companies for successfully reshoring metalworking projects. The fifth National Metalworking Reshoring Award competition offers winning companies the opportunity to gain national recognition for returning advanced manufacturing jobs to North America. The winner will be recognized at <u>IMTS 2022</u>, which will be held Sept. 12-17, 2022, at McCormick Place in Chicago, Illinois.

Work With Metal? Reshored? You're Invited!

Companies that have successfully reshored products, parts, or tooling made primarily by metal forming, fabricating, casting, machining, or additive manufacturing are invited to apply.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the award, the reshoring must have been accomplished between Jan. 1, 2014, and May 31, 2022, from outside North America to North America. Reshoring includes work that is produced either in-house or outsourced. A complete definition of "reshoring" is available <u>here</u>. To view award details and enter to win, visit https://www.AMTonline.org/article/reshoring-award.

From 2010 to 2021, more than <u>1.3 million manufacturing jobs</u> were announced as coming to the United States from offshore. This is a tremendous achievement, and we seek to motivate and honor the companies that have made reshoring a reality.



The 2021 National Metalworking Reshoring Award winner Acme Alliance, a leading die caster in Northbrook, Illinois. Receiving the award in this picture is Matt Thavis, director of business development, Acme Alliance; Mauri Mendes, president, Acme Alliance-Lovejoy Industries; JR Kinnett, general manager, Acme Alliance; from Harry Moser, founder and president, Reshoring Initiative.

2021 National Metalworking Award

Acme Alliance LLC, a leading die-caster in Northbrook, Illinois, received the 2021 National Metalworking Reshoring Award in recognition of its success in bringing manufacturing back to the United States. The 2021 award was presented on the FABTECH main stage at McCormick Place in Chicago. Acme Alliance was chosen for its record of reshoring products for their customers. In one case, their reshoring fixed a quality problem and cut the customer's inventory by 94%. Acme also has successful facilities in Brazil and China. By not shipping from those facilities to the United States, Acme has proven that reshoring is not only possible but the right business choice.

2020 National Metalworking Award: Two Winners

Die-Tech & Engineering and Trenton Forging Company received the 2020 National Metalworking Reshoring Awards in recognition of their success in bringing

manufacturing back to the United States. On Sept. 15, 2020, the awards were presented on the <u>IMTS Network.</u>



Chelsea (Moxlow) Lantto, PMP | President, Trenton Forging

Trenton Forging

Since its founding in 1967 with a facility built originally from recycled materials, <u>Trenton Forging</u> has been an innovative leader in the forging industry. Located in Trenton, Michigan, Trenton Forging earned the award by winning a large contract from a Japanese tier-one supplier to a U.S.-based Japanese automaker, defeating an offshore forging house. That's a tough sell!



Die-Tech & Engineering is a family-owned business located in Wyoming, Michigan. <u>Die-Tech & Engineering</u> manufactures quality plastic injection molds and die-cast dies known for speed and the appropriate use of advanced technology. Die-Tech was chosen for the award because molds and dies are complex, labor-intensive products that many assume are not competitively produced here.

Bill Berry, owner of Die-Tech & Engineering

2019 National Metalworking Reshoring Award: New York-Based Sherrill Manufacturing/Liberty Tabletop



Reshoring Initiative President Harry Moser presents the National Metalworking Reshoring Award to Greg Owens, CEO of Sherrill Manufacturing.

Sherrill Manufacturing was chosen as the 2019 award winner for its success in demonstrating that it is feasible to reshore completely lost product categories, including everyday products, such as flatware. When Oneida Limited ceased operations, all U.S. flatware production had been lost, primarily to Asia. Sherrill Manufacturing took over the Oneida flatware factory, launched innovative products under the Liberty Tabletop brand, and found a more efficient way to market those products. Sherrill is now growing consistently. Read more about the award here.



Reshoring Initiative President Harry Moser presents the 2017 National Reshoring Award to Tim Zimmerman, president of Mitchell Metal Products.

2017 National Reshoring Award: Wisconsin-Based Mitchell Metal Products

Mitchell Metal Products of Merrill, Wisconsin, received the first National Reshoring Award in recognition of the company's success in bringing manufacturing back home to the United States. Mitchell Metal Products was selected after using reshoring to complete more end products with less lead time. In 2016, the company manufactured a cultivator handle subassembly product, increasing the production volume from 4,500 made overseas to 30,000 made in Wisconsin.

Gain Recognition for Your Company

Cases meeting any of these definitions are eligible:

- OEMs reshoring in-house or outsourced.
- Suppliers providing components or tools previously sourced offshore.
- Technology suppliers that shift some production from offshore to North America.
- Foreign direct investment (FDI) by foreign-owned companies.

We urge companies that have reshored or have helped customers to reshore to apply for the fifth National Metalworking Reshoring Award and gain national attention for their reshoring efforts.

The volatility and uncertainty resulting from trade wars and the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with increased consumer demand for faster delivery, customization, and responsiveness, are helping to promote reshoring in the United States.

Apply Today!

To submit an application, follow this <u>link</u>. Questions about the National Metalworking Reshoring Award can be directed to Harry Moser at 847-867-1144 or <u>harry.moser@reshorenow.org</u>.

The Reshoring Initiative, founded in early 2010, helps manufacturers realize that local production, in some cases, reduces their total cost of ownership of purchased parts and tooling. The Initiative also trains suppliers how to sell against lower priced offshore competitors.

PMA, an inaugural sponsor of the National Reshoring Award, is the full-service trade association representing the North American metalforming industry—the industry that creates precision metal products using stamping, fabricating, spinning, slide forming and roll forming

technologies, and other value-added processes. Its nearly 900 member companies also include suppliers of equipment, materials and services to the industry.

AMT – The Association For Manufacturing Technology represents U.S. builders and distributors of manufacturing technology – the advanced machinery, devices and digital equipment that U.S. manufacturing relies on to be productive, innovative, and competitive. AMT acts as the industry's voice to speed the pace of innovation, increase global competitiveness and develop manufacturing's advanced workforce of tomorrow.

NTMA is the voice for the precision manufacturing and tool and die industries in the United States. Backed by nearly 1,300 member companies, representing more than \$30 billion in sales, NTMA provides an array of benefits to members and the industry including advocacy in Washington, training and education programs and networking events nationwide.