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Wausau, Wis. -- Linetec has won 2006 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Grand Award for overall outstanding achievement in the category of "large company." Linetec is one of the nation's largest paint and anodize finishers and one of just four companies in the state, and the only in its size classification, to receive this annual award.

Company president Rick Marshall thanked the hosts, judges and Linetec's employees when he was presented the award at a black-tie banquet held March 1, 2007 in the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee. In his acceptance speech, he noted that Linetec "has a long-standing history of values-based management. The company's Core Values -- created almost 10 years ago based on employee input -- have remained unchanged since that time."

Marshall also highlighted the company's adoption of the Six Sigma philosophy to drive its continuous improvement and quality. More than 50 employees have completed advanced training to lead Six Sigma projects, including collaborative projects with customers, to reduce waste, shorten lead times and yield financial savings.

Operational excellence, continuous improvement, and commitment to employees are key areas evaluated by the Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year judging panel comprised of business, government, education and the business media leaders. Other criteria they examine are financial growth or consistency, technological advances, product development, environmental solutions, and effective research and development.

Among its many accomplishments, Linetec was recognized for its customer focus, community involvement, environmental leadership, safety record and sales growth, as well as leveraging technology to enhance customer and employee communication.

*Linetec is one of the nation's largest paint and anodize finishers, and the largest independent architectural finisher. Located in Wisconsin, the company serves customers across the country through a national trucking network and offers 500,000-square-feet of capacity for finishing such products as aluminum windows, wall systems, doors, hardware and other architectural metal components, as well as automotive, marine and manufactured consumer goods.*

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