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Behlen Receives Innovation in Manufacturing Award



Pictured left to right: Tony Urban - Managing Director of RSM McGladrey's Omaha office; Heather Macholan - Director of Quality & Public Relations; Phil Raimondo - CEO & President; Tony Raimondo (known as "TR") - Chairman & Coach; and Robert Meany - Chairman of the State Chamber's Manufacturers Council and Senior Vice President of Valmont Industries, Inc.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA -- Behlen Mfg. Co. received a 2009 Nebraska Innovation in Manufacturing Award at the April 24th annual meeting of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Manufacturers Council.

Sponsored by the Nebraska State Chamber and RSM McGladrey – a leading accounting, tax and business consulting firm - the Innovation in Manufacturing Award recognizes manufacturers who are successfully implementing new ways of conducting business through the use of products, processes, technologies and strategies.

Behlen was recognized for its strong employee relations programs. CEO Phil Raimondo cited the company's involvement program for Partners in Progress (Behlen employees) -- called "Awareness Is Money" or AIM -- as an example of how Behlen uses new programs to create a positive, more efficient workplace and ensure that employees contribute to the Behlen team.

Also noted was the company's efforts to reduce health care costs by offering a semi-monthly, free on-site clinic for employees, as well as free physical therapy to employees four times a month.

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Behlen Mfg. Co., located in Columbus, Nebraska, was established in 1936 and the company's building division produces a wide variety of custom designed metal building systems designed for commercial, industrial, institutional and warehouse buildings along with a complete metal roofing division. More information can be obtained at www.behlenbuildingsystems.com