

## News Impacting the Manufacturing World in Washington State and Beyond.

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*Winning companies are grown and developed by people who have passion for what they do. Please join us in celebrating the success of some of our great customers in being recognized as some of the best companies in the state!*

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***Oops! In the last edition of this newsletter, we incorrectly linked to last year's May issue of Seattle Business Magazine. The correct link is now embedded in this issue. We apologize for any inconvenience.***

Washington's Manufacturing Awards program recognizes companies making important progress in productivity, growth, and innovation. Considered the Oscars for

Washington state manufacturers, companies will be honored in seven categories: **Manufacturing Company of the Year, Executive of the Year, Innovation of the Year, Food & Beverage Processor of the Year, Emerging Manufacturer of the Year, Building Trades Manufacturer of the Year, and Manufacturing Nonprofit of the Year.** Winners were announced at an awards dinner on May 3rd at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington and are being featured in the [May edition of Seattle Business magazine](#).

Impact Washington has been a proud sponsor of this event since its inception, nine years ago. We are glad to be a part of celebrating manufacturing in the Evergreen State!

## ***Congratulations to all of 2018's Honorees!***



### **Manufacturer of the Year**

#### **Small Firms**

**GOLD:** Pacific Metallurgical, Inc.,  
**Kent**

If you are looking for heat treating companies in Washington state, Pacific Metallurgical is the Northwest leader in heat treatment services. We are Nadcap approved heat treaters, conveniently located in Kent, Washington.

Pacific Metallurgical has catered heat treating services to local machine shops and the aerospace industry in the United States and around the globe since 1967.

We don't just do industrial heat treating and aerospace work. We also specialize in heat treating tooling, tools and dies and high performance metal parts for hydroplanes, dragsters, Formula One, stock cars, off road, vintage cars, airplanes and motorcycles. In addition to



### **INNOVATION — SMALL FIRMS**

**Gold:** Global Fiberglass Solutions,  
**Bothell**

Global Fiberglass Solutions Inc. (GFS) is an industrial recycling and green manufacturing firm headquartered at Highlands Campus Tech Centre in Bothell, Washington. We focus on the growing demand for resource recovery of recyclable materials such as fiberglass and carbon fiber and create recycled products through a proprietary system. Our goal is to reduce the surplus of non-decomposing waste that goes into landfills and the carbon footprint of industry players throughout the US, Europe, Asia, and other parts of the world. With our extensive experience in producing innovative solutions for resource recovery, GFS stands at the forefront of the fiberglass and carbon fiber recycling industry. We believe that

**automotive heat treating**, our heat treat company also does cutting edge **vacuum heat treating** and specialized metal annealing for surgical instruments, **knives**, as well as wood cutting tools.



**Manufacturer of the Year  
Small Firms**

**SILVER:** [Bodypoint, Inc.](#)

"At Bodypoint, we work every day to better understand the capabilities and aspirations of people who use wheelchairs. As we imagine, design and manufacture our products, we strive to bridge the gap between the hard and the soft, the inanimate and the living, to create a better connection between wheelchairs and people."

- David Hintzman, Co-Founder



**Manufacturer of the Year  
Large Firm**

**GOLD AWARD:** [Vigor](#), Puyallup

With nine locations and approximately 2,300 workers Vigor is the leading provider of shipbuilding, ship repair and complex fabrication in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

there is absolutely no downside in using clean waste technology.

Today, we are collaborating with international fiberglass manufacturers as well as local and national government agencies to build and manage facilities for collecting and recycling fiberglass. The recycled material has been used in producing railroad ties, utility poles, particle board and other post-consumer products, which are themselves recyclable and more durable than many alternatives. We are at the forefront of developing technology that can change the way we dispose of millions of pounds of non-decomposing materials.



**INNOVATION — LARGE FIRMS**

**Gold:** [MSR](#) | [Mountain Safety Research](#), Seattle

In 1969, Seattle engineer and lifelong mountaineer Larry Penberthy formed Mountain Safety Research as a one-man crusade dedicated to improving the safety of climbing equipment. The fuel behind Larry's passionate fire was a simple belief that still drives our team today: the idea that better, safer, more reliable equipment is the key unlocking greater adventures.

From that notion evolved a pioneering outdoor company whose innovations have revolutionized the way people experience the outdoors worldwide. Today, we're a close-knit team still obsessed with designing the most reliable, high-performance gear

We build fishing boats, tugs, ferries, barges, fireboats, high performance combatant crafts and a variety of aluminum workboats. Our shipbuilding experts live for the challenge of delivering new vessels on time and on budget.

If it floats, we repair it. From small fishing boats to the country's largest catcher processors, from basic barges to state-of-the-art articulated tug and barge sets, from offshore supply vessels to floating drill rigs, and from aircraft carriers to cruise ships, Vigor's ship repair teams can tackle any repair project, where our customers need us, when they need us.



### **FOOD/BEVERAGE PROCESSOR OF THE YEAR — SMALL FIRMS**

**GOLD AWARD:** Scratch and Peck, Burlington

We manufacture our Certified Organic, Non-GMO Project Verified animal feeds, supplements and treats with a much more “hands on” approach than most feed mills. Our employees work hard to receive, measure, grind, mix, package, and sell every bag of feed we produce. Our system allows us to accurately track and record every bag of feed that gets sold with a lot number that can tell us every detail about each

possible, using our knowledge of engineering and science to find better solutions to the challenges of the mountains.

At MSR, we are engineers, tinkers and passionate outdoor users—each with strong perspectives on how a product should work based on our own experiences in the wild places we love. But collectively, we believe that innovative solutions are bred by challenging convention, and that functionality, simplicity and reliability are the governing elements of enduring design.



### **EMERGING MANUFACTURER — SMALL FIRMS**

**Gold:** Nortis Inc., Woodinville

Nortis is a recognized leader in the organ-on-chip field. Founded by former UW faculty Nortis' ParVivo Organ-on-Chip platform has been commercially available since 2015. Nortis also provides services in organ model and assay development using the ParVivo platform.

#### **Our Vision**

Nortis' vision is to facilitate groundbreaking scientific discoveries and accelerate their impact on improving human health, safety, and quality of life.

ingredient that went into that product. By utilizing small batch production runs, we can ensure accurate and safe quality control.



**FOOD/BEVERAGE PROCESSOR OF THE YEAR — LARGE FIRMS**  
**GOLD AWARD:** [Crunchpak](#), Cashmere



**FOOD/BEVERAGE PROCESSOR OF THE YEAR — LARGE FIRMS**

**Silver:** [Johnson Foods](#), Sunnyside

Established in 1950, Johnson Foods is a C-Corporation headquartered in Sunnyside, Washington. The Company processes, packages and distributes fresh fruits and vegetables. Johnson Foods specializes in the wholesale distribution of fresh and frozen asparagus, processed asparagus, frozen cherries, maraschino cherries and pickled vegetables. The Company sells its products to manufacturers, retailers and wholesalers located throughout the U.S. Johnson Foods also exports its

## Our Mission

Nortis is dedicated to developing a new generation of *in vitro* systems that advance the discovery of novel therapies and reduce the timeline and costs associated with their translation into the clinic.



**EMERGING MANUFACTURER — SMALL FIRMS**

**Silver:** [Diversified Manufacturing Technologies](#), Mount Vernon

**GOLD AWARD:** [Feed Commodities](#), Tacoma

We are a small CNC machine shop located in the northwest corner of Washington state.

We specialize in close-tolerance CNC machining for many industries, and specifically cater to new aerospace manufacturing.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU:

1. We will deliver quality parts, on or before the deadline
2. We will have better service than our competitors
3. We will improve processes to boost quality and cost savings



products to international markets, including Japan and Canada.



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## NONPROFIT MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR — MIDSIZE

**Gold:** Bridgeways, Everett

Bridgeways is a private not-for-profit corporation. Established in 1981, Bridgeways provides services that promote quality-of-life for individuals who live with mental illness.

Mental illness touches the lives of nearly one in four people. Ignored, it leads to homelessness, financial devastation, broken families, and suicide — all at a great cost to our community.

Our goal is to bring a sense of growth and independence to those with mental illness. We offer hope and a personal connection throughout the journey, while building practical skills for long-term success.



## NONPROFIT MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR — LARGE

**Gold:** Orion Industries, Auburn

Orion Industries is a social enterprise with a mission of helping those with barriers to employment. Orion uses

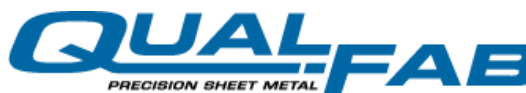


## EMERGING MANUFACTURER — MIDSIZE/LARGE FIRMS

**Gold:** Mid-Mountain Materials, Mercer Island

Mid-Mountain Materials, Inc. has been the leading supplier of precision coated fabrics and coated textiles for over 35 years. Our advanced, high-performance coated fabrics and industrial coated textiles are used in many applications across a broad range of industries, and can be fabricated, die-cut, or provided as rolled goods.

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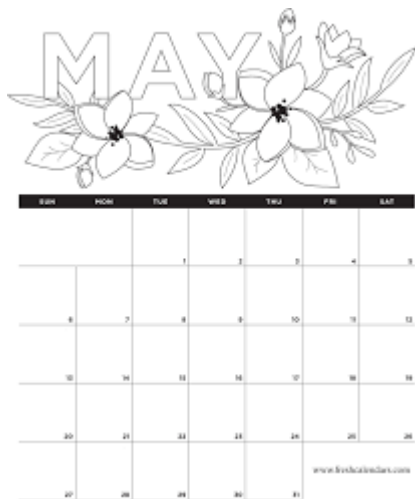


## MANUFACTURING EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR — SMALL FIRMS

**John M. Williams, president,** Qual-Fab, Seattle

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operations in its Aerospace manufacturing division and Contact Center Services division as platforms to teach people job skills through mentoring and internship programs. Orion's Training & Employment division supports individuals in achieving their goals through job placement and job retention services.



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Since 1977, QUAL – FAB has worked hard to improve processes, raise industry standards, and invest in the technology, equipment and managed inventory programs that give you the highest quality product at the best possible price.



### **MANUFACTURING EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR — LARGE FIRMS**

**David McCarty, COO, [Itek Energy](#), Bellingham**

Inspired by the challenges our world faces through a dependence on fossil fuels, John Flanagan—Founder and CEO of Itek Energy—envisioned providing the world with a clean energy alternative by investing in a solar photovoltaic (PV) module manufacturing facility. Since beginning production in 2012, Itek has shipped enough clean, renewable energy to power over 4,000 homes.

Itek's flagship facility is located less than 90 minutes north of Seattle in Bellingham, Washington, and we pride ourselves on providing the world with high-quality, assembled-in-America solar modules. Itek's experienced engineers, operators, and management team share John's passion for solar energy and are dedicated to making a positive

## ***Learn About Our Made in Washington Program***

*Manufacturing is a vital arm of Washington's economy, and it's our mission to support and energize our local industry. The Made in Washington program is a free service to the community that certifies, promotes, and connects Washington State manufacturers. Check out our directory of Made in Washington businesses, or get certified and listed today! The program is at no cost to join and includes such benefits as listing in our on-line guide and use of the Made in Washington logo on your website. For more information or to sign up, visit our [Made in Washington page](#)*

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