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MASSACHUSETTS LEADING MANUFACTURERS HONORED BY LEGISLATORS AT 10TH ANNUAL MANUFACTURING AWARDS CEREMONY AT GILLETTE STADIUM

FOXBOROUGH, MA – Representative Jeffrey N. Roy (D-Franklin) and Senator Paul R. Feeney (D-Foxborough) are honored to announce that **Dale Medical Products ("Dale Medical")** is a 2025 recipient of the "Manufacturer of the Year" Award presented by the Massachusetts Legislative Manufacturing Caucus. This award is given in recognition of outstanding leadership skills in the manufacturing industry. The company was presented with this award at the 10th Annual Manufacturing Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, October 21st at the Massachusetts Manufacturing Mash-Up at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, MA.

Each year, the Massachusetts Legislative Manufacturing Caucus hosts the Manufacturing Awards Ceremony to highlight many of the Commonwealth's most noteworthy manufacturers and celebrate their successes as leading manufacturers in the industry. This recognition is reserved for Commonwealth manufacturers that exemplify what it means to "make it in Massachusetts" and propel their industry towards continued growth and innovation. This year, over 65 diverse manufacturers were selected by legislators from across the Commonwealth to be recognized at the awards ceremony.

Formed in August 2014, the Manufacturing Caucus includes more than 60 legislators from around the Commonwealth. Lawmakers focus on training for manufacturing employees, encouraging innovation by helping start-ups access resources, and expanding apprenticeship

opportunities in key manufacturing sectors. The Caucus is chaired by Representative Jeffrey N. Roy (D-Franklin) and Senator Paul R. Feeney (D-Foxborough).

The Massachusetts Manufacturing Mash-Up, where the awards were hosted, is a conference run by the Center for Advanced Manufacturing to kick off October's manufacturing month. The Mash-Up is an opportunity for partners and industry to come together to help accelerate advanced manufacturing and celebrate all our successes here in the Commonwealth. The event offers numerous opportunities to meet new businesses or partners, find the resources to help our manufacturers succeed, and gain the knowledge to join the advanced manufacturing world in which we now operate.

"Our state is a hub of manufacturing and innovation," **said Senate President Karen E. Spilka.** "From materials manufacturers that ship products globally, to nurseries that bring beauty to homes and businesses, to breweries and distilleries — these are products made with unmatched skill and pride here in Massachusetts. Congratulations to each of the awardees, and my deep thanks to Senator Paul Feeney for his leadership of the Manufacturing Caucus, to Representative Roy, and to all the members who raise their voices on behalf of our manufacturers every day."

"From groundbreaking work in the life sciences industry, to unparalleled innovation in the production of renewable energy, to the development of game changing technology across so many sectors of our economy, Massachusetts has a manufacturing industry to be incredibly proud of," **said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy).** "I want to thank Representative Roy, Senator Feeney, and the entire manufacturing caucus, as well as partners like MassTech Collaborative and MassMEP for the work that they continue to do to ensure that the manufacturing industry in Massachusetts can continue to grow and succeed."

"Massachusetts manufacturers are central to our economic strength, our competitiveness and our identity as a state that builds what's next. The companies recognized today demonstrate the strength of Team Massachusetts and how investments in innovation, skilled workers and strong regional partnerships continue to drive growth in every corner of the Commonwealth," **said Economic Development Secretary Eric Paley.**

"It was an honor to recognize the manufacturers nominated today for their outstanding contributions to the Commonwealth and for exemplifying what it means to 'make it in Massachusetts.' Each company recognized at this event is a testament to why Massachusetts has cemented itself as a destination for highly-skilled, transformational manufacturing partners that make cutting-edge advancements, challenge convention and shape our future. Chair Roy and I offer our heartfelt thanks to the manufacturers in attendance, their talented workforces, the legislators who nominated businesses in their districts and continue to be their voice on Beacon Hill, and all Massachusetts manufacturers who continue to transform what's possible," said **Senator Paul R. Feeney (D-Foxborough), Senate Chair of the Legislature's Manufacturing Caucus.**

"I was proud to join my colleagues in recognizing 69 Massachusetts Manufacturers for their outstanding contributions to our Commonwealth's economy. Their innovation, craftsmanship, and dedication to job creation, strengthens our communities, and ensures that Massachusetts

remains a leader in advanced manufacturing," **said State Representative Jeffrey N. Roy (D-Franklin), House Chair of the Legislature's Manufacturing Caucus.** "All of these companies, like my nominee Dale Medical, exemplify what it means to make it in Massachusetts."

"Massachusetts manufacturers continue to demonstrate why this sector is so vital to our state's technology and innovation economy," **said CAM Director Lily Fitzgerald.** "The Manufacturing Awards Ceremony at our annual Massachusetts Manufacturing Mash-Up recognizes the people and companies creating good jobs, breaking new ground, and strengthening supply chains to keep our ecosystem resilient and innovative."

"Congratulations to this year's Manufacturing Award winners. Your innovation, resilience, and commitment to excellence embody the very best of manufacturing in the Commonwealth. Manufacturing remains the backbone of our economy, creating good jobs, driving technological advancement, and strengthening our communities. At MassMEP, we are proud to support and serve Massachusetts manufacturers, helping them grow, compete, and prosper for years to come," said **Kathie Mahoney, President, MassMEP**

"Dale Medical is proud of our long history as a medical device manufacturer based in Massachusetts. As an employee-owned company, Dale Medical is committed to providing highly trusted medical products to help caregivers and patients worldwide. Our employees have always taken extraordinary pride in the positive impact we have on patient care, and are grateful to be recognized as a leading manufacturer in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," said **Robert Simpson, Dale Medical's President and Chief Executive Officer.**

Established in 1961, Dale Medical is recognized as a trusted manufacturer of specialty medical devices that provide high quality, reliable, cost-effective solutions to enhance patient care. As an employee-owned business, we are committed to strengthening our position as a financially successful market leader through innovation and continuous improvement.

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