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**Association for Manufacturing Excellence Recognizes South Carolina –  
Making “Made in America” a reality, again!**

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill., May 1, 2015 – The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) honored South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley for the governor’s leadership and the state’s initiative for revitalizing the manufacturing sector by creating more advanced manufacturing jobs and for encouraging the hiring of returning veterans to fill the need for skilled workers.

AME representative Glenn Marshall presented the certificate during the South Carolina Manufacturing Conference and Expo, April 14- 15. The event included a presentation of the Silver Crescent Award to five South Carolina manufacturers during the Salute to Manufacturing Awards Luncheon, held April 14.



The awards luncheon, which featured a keynote address by Gov. Nikki Haley, were judged by a panel of experts from the [Association for Manufacturing Excellence](#) and based on demonstrated performance in citizenship, employee engagement, customer satisfaction, environmental stewardship, innovation, financial performance and a longevity plan.

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**2015 Silver Crescent Award winners:**

- [BorgWarner](#): BorgWarner produces transfer cases for pickup trucks, SUVs and passenger cars at the company’s location in Seneca.
- [Cox Industries](#): Cox is an Orangeburg-based, family-owned and -operated manufacturer and distributor of treated outdoor wood products for the residential, commercial, industrial and utility markets.
- [Honda of South Carolina Manufacturing Inc.](#): Honda’s location in Timmons ville is one of the company’s 14 major factories in North America.
- [Mack Molding Co., Southern Division](#): The Inman-based company provides plastic injection molding and contract manufacturing services to a variety of industries.

AME’s plan is to encourage Silver Crescent winners to continue on a journey of continuous improvement and to apply for the prestigious [AME Manufacturing Excellence Award](#). AME recognizes AME Manufacturing Excellence Award recipients at its international conference each year. This year’s [AME International Conference](#) takes place October 19-23 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

“AME is proud of what these manufacturing companies have achieved and applauds Gov. Haley for recognizing the important contribution of the manufacturing sector,” says AME President Barbara Morrison.

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**About the Association for Manufacturing Excellence**

The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to the journey of continuous improvement and enterprise excellence. AME’s membership is composed of a trusted network of volunteers who are committed to leveraging the practitioner-to-practitioner and company-to-company shared-learning experience. Through engaging workshops, plant tours, webinars, summits and industry-leading conferences, AME members are continually discovering and implementing new continuous improvement strategies and best practices. AME offers members a multitude of valuable resources to help them stay abreast of current industry developments and improve the skills, competitiveness and overall success of their organizations. Join AME in leading the “Renaissance of Manufacturing in North America.” For more information, visit [ame.org](http://ame.org) or email [info@ame.org](mailto:info@ame.org).