



Northumberland Manufacturers' Association High Performance Manufacturing Award

The Northumberland Manufacturers' Association welcomes the opportunity to present an annual Award to a deserving Northumberland Manufacturer who has demonstrated a commitment to High Performance Manufacturing.

The "High Performance Manufacturing" Award provides an opportunity to showcase firms that have displayed excellent results through their focus on Continuous Improvement.

In today's global economy it is increasingly important for businesses to find a competitive advantage. Manufacturers investing in the implementation of *continuous improvement tools demonstrate increased profitability and are able to remain in the competitive environment.*

Award Criteria

The Award will be granted to:

- An NMA member manufacturer;
- A manufacturer that incorporates continuous improvement as an integral part of their operations;
- A manufacturer who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to safety as evidenced by a leading safety record.

In relation to the size of the business, assessors will be looking for evidence of:

- The level of participation in the HPM Focus Group, HPM focused workshops and events facilitated by the NMA;
- The level of leadership and sharing of lean best practices with fellow NMA members;
- Employees are encouraged and supported to put forward ideas to improve performance;
- Investment in employee leadership and continuous improvement training;
- Investment in technologies to improve plant production and operational efficiencies.