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***Wisconsin Business Development  
Announces  
2009 Wisconsin Business Community Impact Award***

Wisconsin Business Development is pleased to present The World Class Manufacturing Group, Inc. with the 2009 Wisconsin Business Development Community Impact Award. The award will be presented to the company's owner, Robert Peltonen at the WBD Annual Meeting on November 19, 2009.

Each year, Wisconsin Business Development recognizes one of their small business customers for achievements that make an impact in their local community. Award winners demonstrate growth in sales, employment growth, business innovation or other achievements that have improved the state of the local economy.

The World Class Manufacturing Group, Inc. was formed in 1993 by Robert Peltonen with the purchase of Ace Manufacturing Inc. in Weyauwega, WI. Since that time, the company has completed several significant expansions, increasing their facility size to 85,000 square feet and adding 125 jobs to the Weyauwega area. As a contract manufacturer of high end computer numerically controlled (CNC) machined parts, World Class offers full design and programming capabilities and has over 100 major pieces of manufacturing equipment located in three facilities across the state of Wisconsin.

As the company has expanded, it has kept its focus on customer service as evidenced by its achievement of ISO 9000:2000 standards in 2002. World Class is a member of a new initiative known as the Northstar Manufacturing Alliance which coordinates the efforts of four area businesses to provide a single point of service for machining, casting, forging and fabrication. Together they work as one unit creating finished products from raw materials with one purchase order. Through the Northstar Alliance, economic growth is being realized in Bayfield County as well.

Since 1981, WBD has been partnering with Wisconsin financial institutions and is proud to have funded more than \$1.5 billion of community development projects, creating more than 25,000 jobs statewide. Over the years, WBD has developed expertise in finding solutions and strategies for small businesses looking to grow. WBD employees, located in eight offices across the state, take a personal interest in each customer doing their part to keep Wisconsin working.

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