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Three Clermont Companies Recognized for Manufacturing Excellence

Batavia, Ohio. When it comes to manufacturing excellence, three Clermont County companies are among the 15 best in the Tristate, according to an independent panel of judges determining winners of *Cincy Magazine's* fifth annual Manny Awards. The awards recognize companies that have shown success in five key areas: creating great workplaces, designing new products, making breakthroughs, charting growth, and creating jobs. Eagle Coach Company of Pierce Township, Interplex Medical of Miami Township, and Melink of Union Township were among the companies honored during a June 6, 2011 ceremony at Xavier University's Cintas Center.



Eagle Coach is recognized for new job creation. In 2010, the company spent \$700,000 to add production capacity for a line of executive and funeral limousines, creating 30 new jobs. With a total workforce of 94, the company is poised for continued growth. "We're optimistic about 2011 and the momentum we gained in 2010 taking us forward," said Eagle president Tim Lautermilch.

Interplex Medical is recognized for new product development and innovation. The company has co-developed a stent delivery device that can be used in both vascular and non-vascular stent delivery applications; it is one of the first devices of its kind. Internal sales have exploded from near zero to \$2 million in less than a year, enabling Interplex to hire new personnel and expand its facilities.

Melink is recognized as a top growth company; it has been listed as one of the fastest growing companies in the nation for the past four years. Melink has increased its revenue by 39 percent to \$17 million since 2007 and has added 15 new jobs; revenue for 2011 is expected to be \$30 million as the company moves aggressively to add the renewable energy market to its core commercial building market. Melink recently partnered with the Cincinnati Zoo to develop the largest publicly accessible, urban solar array in the nation, a system with 6,400 panels installed on a canopy structure that will supply the zoo with 20 percent of its power.

"We are pleased to have nominated Eagle Coach for this award and are thrilled that all three of these companies have been recognized for their achievements," said County Commissioner president Ed Humphrey. "Clermont County has purposely focused on maintaining a business friendly environment in order to promote economic development, and the number of current and past Manny winners is a testament to the success that businesses can achieve with a Clermont County location."



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Pictured above at the Manny award banquet: Tim Lautermilch (Eagle Coach CEO), David Boezi (Melink VP of Renewable Energy Solutions), Ed Humphrey (President, Clermont Board of County Commissioners), and Matthew Otten (Interplex Medical VP of Business Development).

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