



**TECHNOLOGY EXCELLENCE AWARD**  
**NOMINATION APPLICATION**

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**NOMINATING FOR CATEGORY** (check one)     1     2

(See descriptions on following page)

Why are you nominating this Company?

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## **CATEGORY 1 – Technology**

### **What Best Practice Looks Like:**

#### **“Advanced Technology Development and/or Integration”**

Advanced manufacturing technologies are strategically targeted or developed in order to achieve improved results in the following *core* fundamentals: market development, throughput, scrap, and/or safety. Proven technologies are integrated with pre and post processing technologies in ways that improve *core* fundamentals. Technologies developed or adapted are innovative and “rare”. Technologies are used to elevate the work of people through growth, not replace people.

**Or**

#### **“Lead Time Reduction through Flow, Safety, and Organization”**

Plant-wide efficiency is measured through reducing internal lead times, safety improvements and addressing physical changes and design standards. Effective training and awareness, thorough incident investigations, re-design and layout ensures an orderly, efficient and safe workplace. Everyone routinely adds to a safe working environment through programs such as 5S/6S organization. Value stream analyses provide a road map; non-value-adding steps in the manufacturing and administrative processes are gradually eliminated; a “pull” strategy is used where warranted; product flow is increasing.

## **CATEGORY 2 – Business/Cultural Practices**

### **What Best Practice Looks Like:**

**“Leader/Associate Partnerships: World-Class Performance”** Leaders and employees have found new ways of defining their roles and function as a partnership to meet company objectives and goals. Senior management is committed to developing highly effective leaders. All levels of plant leadership provide effective coaching, training and mentoring to subordinates. Plant communication is excellent, morale and job satisfaction are high and the shop floor goes “above and beyond” to achieve world-class performance.

**Or**

#### **“Results Based Performance through Goal Deployment and Visual Management Systems”**

The organization establishes key performance indicators (KPI) in all areas of the operation, developed at the operating level and tied to plant goals. The process is dynamic and engages the entire organization, and there is a clear “line of sight” between individual/team effort and plant performance. Visual management practices such as scoreboards, etc. are in use throughout the plant for measuring, controlling and improving operations. Operational status information is presented accurately and in “real-time” to anyone who needs it. Individual and team efforts are recognized and rewarded for meeting targeted improvements.

**If you have any questions regarding your nomination, please contact Pam Wightman at**

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