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DRESSER WAYNE RECEIVES THE ASSOCIATION FOR MANUFACTURING EXCELLENCE'S 2009 SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, III. – The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) recently announced Dresser Wayne (DresserWayne.com) as the 2009 recipient of its Manufacturing Excellence Award for the Southwestern Region. The Austin, Texas-based company, an industry pioneer in the retail fueling industry, is one of eight to receive the award that signifies high levels of excellence have been achieved and sustained during the past year.

In today's volatile economy, it is necessary for companies to stay competitive in the global marketplace, as well as maintain profitability and stable customers. All award recipients recognized by AME are not only surviving, but are thriving despite the current economic conditions.

"Dresser Wayne successfully applies Lean and Six Sigma tools to their production floors which improves overall productivity, reduces daily costs and maintains outstanding on-time deliveries for customers," said Ralph Keller, AME president. "Since 2006, Dresser Wayne leaders have focused on improved efficiency and performance."

Dresser Wayne's Austin plant manufactures equipment for the energy industry, specializing in valves, actuators, meters, switches, regulators, piping products, natural gas-fueled engines, retail fuel dispensers and associated retail point-of-sale systems, and air and gas handling equipment. On the Lean journey since 2001, the company has been especially recognized for improved productivity, internal quality and supplier performance. Dresser Wayne provides its products in over 100 countries.

AME's Manufacturing Excellence Awards honor companies that demonstrate significant progress in their journeys toward enterprise excellence through continuous improvement over a three-year period. Regional award recipients are selected from AME's nine geographic regions in the United States and Canada; one regional recipient is also named the North American award recipient.

The following companies received AME's 2009 Manufacturing Excellence Awards. Automation Engineering was honored with the overall North American Manufacturing Excellence Award.

- Canadian Region: Cogent Power Inc.; Burlington, Ontario
- Great Lakes Region: Daman Products Company, Inc.; Mishawaka, Ind.
- Mid-Atlantic Region: Currier Plastics Inc.; Auburn, N.Y.
- North Central Region: Medtronic; Minneapolis
- Northeastern Region: HABCO; Glastonbury, Conn.
- Southeastern Region: Automation Engineering; Greenville, S.C.
- Southwestern Region: Dresser Wayne; Austin, Texas
- Western Region: DJO, LLC; Vista, Calif.

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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 individuals who are committed to leveraging the practitioner-to-practitioner and company-to-company shared-learning experience. Through engaging workshops, seminars and plant tours, and industry-leading conferences, AME members are continually discovering and implementing new continuous improvement strategies and best practices. AME offers its 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. For more information, visit www.ame.org or email info@ame.org.

About Dresser Wayne

Dresser Wayne, headquartered in Austin, Texas, is one of the largest business units of Dresser, Inc., and is an industry pioneer for the retail fueling industry. Among its innovations, Dresser Wayne was the first to introduce self-service consoles and fuel blending dispensers to service stations, in-pump card readers and cash acceptors, in-pump radio frequency identification payment systems and dispenser-mounted touch screen payment/communication systems. In addition, Dresser Wayne designs and markets software systems that enable its retail fueling customers to manage the convenience store aspects of their businesses more efficiently, including inventory control, price book management, labor management and site administration. The Dresser Wayne website is www.DresserWayne.com.