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With Missouri impact! Award

Duke Manufacturing Honored for Continuous Improvement

Duke Manufacturing Company, of St. Louis and Sedalia, was presented with the Missouri *impact!* Award for Continuous Improvement in Manufacturing Excellence at a ceremony held June 15, 2007 at the company's Sedalia plant.

Missouri State Senator Delbert Scott and State Representative Stanley Cox joined Missouri Enterprise President Mary Dean in presenting the award to Duke Manufacturing Company's

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Jack Hake, Vice President of Administration Robin Hake, Vice President of Manufacturing and Engineering Paul Rusk and Sedalia Plant Manager Mike McDermott.

Dean told the large crowd of employees, guests and public officials that Duke Manufacturing is being honored for its company wide commitment to achieving and maintaining "world class" manufacturing status and



Jack Hake, chairman and chief executive officer of Duke Manufacturing Company, accepted the award on behalf of company employees in both St. Louis and Sedalia.



Participants at the presentation included (standing from left) Bernadine Nierman, district director for Rep. Ike Skelton; Kevin Stover, Department of Economic Development; Linda Christle, executive director, Economic Development - Sedalia/Pettis County; State Senator Delbert Scott; Paul Rusk, Duke VP, manufacturing and engineering; Mike McDermott, Sedalia plant manager; State Representative Stanley Cox; Sedalia Mayor Robert Wasson; and Mary Dean, president, Missouri Enterprise. Seated are Jack Hake, Duke chairman and chief executive officer and Robin Hake, VP, administration.

the exceptional growth that the company has recorded in the last several years.

She said, "This Company is strong evidence that, despite what we often hear, manufacturing in Missouri and America is not dead or dying."

In the last five years, the Company has experienced the most dramatic period of growth in its history and more than doubled its production capacity.

Senator Scott echoed the sentiments of those participating in the ceremony saying, "It's a real privilege to be here to help recognize this company, its management staff and its employees, for its impressive

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achievements and for the contributions that it is making to our state."

Bernadine Nierman, district director for U.S. Representative Ike Skelton, read a letter of congratulations from Rep. Skelton.

In accepting the award, Hake acknowledged the manufacturing process improvement and new product development assistance that Missouri Enterprise has provided during the past several years and also praised his company's employees for their commitment to excellence and to exceeding their customer needs.

"It's all about continuous improvement



Missouri State Senator Delbert Scott was one of a number of public officials who attended the Missouri **impact!** Award presentation honoring Duke Manufacturing Company

and manufacturing excellence and that's what our focus has been and our success has been," he said, "and we are very proud that Missouri Enterprise has awarded this to Duke."

Public officials who attended the presentation ceremony included Kevin Stover of the Missouri Department of Economic Development Business and Community Service Group; Sedalia Mayor Bob Wasson; Sedalia City Councilwomen Elaine Horn and Laurretta Emerson; and Linda Christle, executive director of Economic Development - Sedalia/Pettis County.

The Sedalia Chamber of Commerce



Duke Manufacturing Company, founded in 1929, has become an internationally recognized provider of food service equipment with customers including Subway, TCBY and Taco Bell

was represented by Board Members Steve Craighead, Sheryl Heisterberg and David Menefee as well as by Deb Bierman, executive VP, Carolyn Crooker, marketing director and Amanda Stice, communications director.

Duke Manufacturing Company was founded in 1925 as a producer of commercial food service equipment and, today, is recognized as a leading brand in



Mary Dean, president of Missouri Enterprise, said that Duke's success is evidence that manufacturing in Missouri and America is not dead or dying

the food service equipment manufacturing industry.

The Company provides integrated solutions that meet the ever changing buying habits, updated menus and merchandising display needs of a variety of global food service operations including Subway, Burger King, Taco Bell, KFC,

TCBY, Campbell Soup, 7-Eleven and Dairy Queen.

Products include food warmers, cold storage units, microwave ovens, sinks, salad bars, buffet units, conveyors, worktables, ovens, dish tables and serving systems.

Both of its plants are registered to the ISO 9001:2000 international quality management system standards.

The Company's original plant was located on almost the exact site of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. Its current St. Louis plant is located at 2305 North Broadway and employs 236 people. In 1969, Duke Manufacturing Company began building a 40,000 square foot plant in Sedalia, which was increased to 115,000 square feet in 2000 to house about 350 employees. More than 500 employees work at the Company's current 500,000 square foot plant which was completed in 2005.

Missouri Enterprise created the Missouri **impact!** Award in 1998 to recognize those who have excelled in continuous improvement in manufacturing, innovative technology development, environmental solutions or contribution to community/state economic development.