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## **Preformed Line Products Wins the 2010 Governor's Award for Excellence**

**Preformed Line Products** located in Albemarle (Stanly County) has been selected to receive the 2010 Governor's Award for Excellence in Workforce Development as an "Outstanding Employer." This annual award is sponsored by the **North Carolina Department of Commerce** and the **NC Commission on Workforce Development**. The company was nominated for the award by **Stanly Community College** and the **Centralina Workforce Development Board**. This is the second year in a row that a Stanly County employer has been nominated by Stanly CC and the Centralina WDB and has won the Governor's Award. Storm Technologies in Albemarle was the 2009 award winner

Preformed Line Products is a worldwide designer, manufacturer and supplier of high quality cable anchoring and control hardware and systems, fiber optic and copper splice closures and high-speed cross-connect devices. PLP is based out of Cleveland, Ohio and the Stanly County facility is at 1700 Woodhurst Lane in Albemarle.

Preformed Line Products has encouraged its employees to become involved with a wide variety of programs in Stanly County. John Ziebarth, Plant Manager, serves on the Stanly County Managers Association. The company and its employees support various special interest groups in Stanly County such as: American Red Cross, Hospice, United Way, Boy and Girl Scouts of America, and community athletics by conducting fund raisers or volunteering their time.

The company also participates in and financially supports events held by the Stanly County Managers Association, an organization whose fundraisers go to sponsor two scholarships at Stanly Community College. Preformed Line Products is a member of the Stanly County Chamber of Commerce and supports their "Buy Local" campaign.

Preformed Line Products has supported two initiatives offered by Stanly Community College, Stanly County Chamber of Commerce, Stanly County Schools, and the Centralina WDB - Career Academy for Educators (CAFÉ) and the Creating Success seminar. These events allowed businesses and companies to share what jobs skills, education level, and training would be needed to obtain jobs for those seeking employment. The company has also utilized Stanly Community College to provide training for their employees through the college's Customized Training Program as well as seminars, curriculum and continuing education courses. Classes were offered both on-site at Preformed Line Products and at the college.

In December 2009, Preformed Line Products achieved "Carolina Star" status due to a three year intensive safety project by the company and its employees. Companies in North Carolina that achieve this very prestigious safety award, serve as models for effective safety and health programs in their industries. Moreover, STAR worksites have demonstrated workers' compensation cost reductions, reduced employee turnover, quality improvements, and other benefits which are helping to convince skeptics that productivity, quality, profitability, and safety are complementary outcomes.

Preformed Line Products takes conservation very seriously by aggressively reducing the use of materials that are hazardous to the environment, instituting a recycling program, selling unusable scrap for recycling, and has plans to power certain areas of their facility with solar panels.

The Centralina Workforce Development Board, in conjunction with Stanly Community College is proud of its nomination of Preformed Line Products and congratulates this business as a recipient of the 2010 Governor's Award for Excellence in Workforce Development. Representatives from Preformed Line Products, the Centralina Workforce Development Board, and Stanly Community College will be present when the company officially receives the award at the Governor's Award Banquet held on Thursday October 14, 2010 as part of the NC Workforce Development Partnership Conference in Greensboro, NC.

For more information on the Governor's Award or about Preformed Line Products, please visit [www.centralinaworks.com](http://www.centralinaworks.com).

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