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## **2010 Advanced Manufacturing Awards Announced**

*Organizations partner to recognize excellence among regional manufacturing firms*

The Centralina Economic Development Commission announced the winners of the 2010 Regional Advanced Manufacturing Awards at an event held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Concord on June 24.

Selected by an independent judging panel made up of regional business, academic and research leaders, this year's winners include:

- **Polymer Group, Inc. of Mooresville (Iredell County), *Best Green Process***
- **Clearwater Manufacturing of Huntersville (Mecklenburg County), *Innovation Award* for employee size 1-49**
- **Livingston & Haven, LLC, Charlotte (Mecklenburg County), *Innovation Award* for employee size 100-499**
- **Advanced Machine & Fabrication of Denver (Lincoln County), *Best Process Improvement* for employee size 1-49**
- **PGT Industries and Performance Fibers Operations both of Salisbury (Rowan County) tied for *Best Process Improvement*, Company size 100-499.**

*Polymer Group Inc., Advanced Machine & Fabrication, PGT Industries and Performance Fibers Operations all have received Incumbent Worker Grant funding from the Centralina Workforce Development Board. These grants have provided funding for Lean Manufacturing, Process Improvement, ISO certification, and/or Teaming Building skills training. The training offerings have made these companies more efficient and more productive.*

The **Centralina Workforce Development Board** was proud to be a Gold Sponsor of this event and congratulates the fine companies for the excellent work they do. David Hollars, Executive Director of the Centralina Workforce Development Board, said, "It was great to have companies represented from all around the region but we were especially happy to see firms we've worked with being honored for their outstanding commitment to excellence in manufacturing. These are the companies that will be here to employ the great workforce we are building".

To find out more about the awards and advanced manufacturing in our region log on to [www.mindsthatmanufacture.com](http://www.mindsthatmanufacture.com). Or visit us at [www.centralinaworks.com](http://www.centralinaworks.com).

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