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EDC Announces Manufacturing Industry Award Winners

Two Brevard County manufacturers recognized by EDC

Brevard County, Fla. (January 29, 2015) – The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC) is pleased to announce the 2015 recipients of the Innovation Company of the Year and Manufacturer of the Year awards. The winners were announced yesterday at the EDC's Investor Update Meeting where companies in our innovative *Made In Brevard* program exhibited locally made products.

Created to honor local manufacturers, these awards recognize companies who are committed to our community and bringing new opportunities through job creation and capital investment. The first award is the Innovation Company of the Year. This award recognizes a business who has demonstrated innovation in one or more of the following areas in the past year: product or service offerings, manufacturing processes or productivity, sales and marketing approach and/or management of resources - resulting in increased investment.

The EDC presented this award to Roswell Global located in Rockledge, FL. Over 16 years ago, a passion for lifestyle, audio and marine lead Roswell Global to patent, develop, design and manufacture the best products in the marine industry and later lead them into the electronics and audio industries. Roswell Global has designed a truly google-esque facility featuring collaborative workspaces encouraging out-of-the-box approaches to growing the company's product lines and sales strategies.

Robert Oswell, CEO of Roswell Global accepted the award on behalf of the company. "It is our goal to become one of the leading technology companies on the east coast and compete with the boys in California", stated Oswell. "We appreciate the EDC's recognition of our drive to bring innovative approaches to Brevard County's workforce and manufacturing community."

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The EDC also announced the recipient of the Manufacturer of the Year award. This award recognizes a Brevard County manufacturer that has made or announced a significant investment in the County through job creation and/or retention, new capital investment, and new construction.

The EDC presented this award to MC Assembly located in Melbourne, Florida. MC Assembly, a 30-year corporate citizen headquartered in Brevard County, is a leader in the contract manufacturing industry. The company is in a globally competitive business; servicing both local and international markets with turnkey original equipment manufacturing solutions for products many of us use on a daily basis.

“I want to thank the EDC for recognizing MC Assembly with this award,” stated George Moore, President and CEO. “In 2014, we made a commitment to invest \$17 Million in the development of a state-of-the-art electronics manufacturing facility and to retain 500 jobs. I am pleased to say we are well on our way to accomplishing this commitment. Our new facility is 90% complete and we now provide 637 jobs for Brevard County citizens.”

“Roswell Global and MC Assembly represent the next generation of innovative thinking in manufacturing,” said Lynda Weatherman, president and CEO of the Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast. “This community has always been a leader in high tech capability, but today’s manufacturers are adapting to the technology of today and turning into the next big thing. These companies are revolutionizing the manufacturing industry, from right here on the Space Coast.”

About the Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast (EDC)

The Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast is dedicated to attracting new business and investment and expanding existing industry throughout the Space Coast, influencing change on government laws and regulations affecting economic development, promoting the Space Coast to encourage new investment, supporting efforts of Space Coast military installations, and relaying new programs and procedures to assist manufacturing and high tech companies. The EDC is a private, not-for-profit coalition whose stakeholders are business leaders committed to the economic growth and stability of Florida’s Space Coast. Visit www.SpaceCoastEDC.org.

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