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EDC Awards Innovation Company of the Year to Structural Composites

Structural Composites has achieved huge innovations for transportation industry.

Space Coast, FL (May 10, 2018) – At the Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast’s (EDC) 5th Annual Made In Brevard Expo, Structural Composites was awarded the 2018 Innovation Company of the Year Award.

Innovative individuals and organizations drive the economy. The Innovation Company of the Year Honorable Mention recognizes a rapidly growing company that has experienced robust growth over the past few years. The company with 100 or fewer employees will have demonstrated innovation in one or more of the following areas in the past year: product or service offerings, manufacturing processes or productivity, and/or sales and marketing approach resulting in increased revenue and profitability.

Structural Composites has achieved a huge in-road for composites into the transportation industry. Recently, Wabash National, the largest manufacturer of semi-trailers in the nation, called for a trailer that was lighter, more durable, better performing and cost effective. Structural Composites employed a combination of advanced composite engineering, PRISMA preform technology and CoCure resin systems, and brought the cost of composite structures down to the cost of aluminum to meet the needs of Wabash National.

By incorporating molded structural composites instead of aluminum, Wabash improved the trailer’s overall thermal performance by up to 25 percent. The trailer’s floor is also up to 20 percent lighter than it would be with steel, and the system is far more puncture- and damage-resistant than conventional constructions.

“Structural Composites’ work truly encompasses innovation,” said Lynda Weatherman, president and CEO of the EDC. “Their recent accomplishment for Wabash National is an excellent example of a disruptive design that is made right here in Brevard County.”

“Structural Composites, Inc. is extremely pleased to win the Innovation Company of the Year Award for its next-generation CoCure hybrid metal/composite technology featured in Wabash National’s 53ft Semi trailer,” said Mike Nichols, Vice President of Business Development for Structural Composites. “The Innovation Company Award made by the Space Coast EDC selection team complements our Unsurpassed Innovation Award made at CAMX in December 2017.”

Past winners of this prestigious award include:

- 2012 – ndtArtemis, IT

- 2014 – Parker Brothers
- 2015 – Roswell Global
- 2016 – Larsen Motorsports
- 2017 – Novell Engineering

The EDC's Made In Brevard Expo showcases the amazing products and designs that are produced locally, to educate the community on the depth of the Space Coast's robust manufacturing industry. Additionally, the Expo is designed to drive interest in career opportunities in modern manufacturing. By communicating the positive image of manufacturing and the rewarding careers in the sector, the Made In Brevard Expo helps build the skilled talent needed to support the region's 500+ manufacturing companies.

For more information on the Space Coast's manufacturing industry, visit www.ManufacturingInBrevard.org



***Pictured** – Structural Composites, led by Scott Lewit, receives the 2018 Innovation Company of the Year Award.*

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About the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast

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