

Lightspeed Manufacturing

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On behalf of the Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership, MassMEP, I would like to congratulate Lightspeed Manufacturing on receiving the **Massachusetts Manufacturing Caucus' Manufacturer of the Year Award** for your district. As you know Representative Linda Dean Campbell, nominated your company for this well-deserved honor. The event on October 27th served as a capstone celebration to Manufacturing Month recognizing fifty-two Massachusetts companies.

Representative Jeffrey N. Roy, House Chair of the Legislature's Manufacturing Caucus stated "Today's ceremony may be reimagined as virtual, but our commitment remains the same. Thank you to all the members of the house and senate for recognizing those doing great work in their districts and helping them know how much we understand the great value they bring. This is what *Making it in Massachusetts* is all about!"

"We are all doing things differently these days," added House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. "Many have pivoted to help the Commonwealth fight the virus while trying to maintain your businesses and keep your employees safe for the past few months." "Manufacturing weaves together the many industries, regions and skills sets to create a tapestry of potential," added DeLeo. "It is linked with states Innovation Industries, Technology, Medical Devices, Life Sciences and Energy. I am thrilled to see so many companies in those industries being given awards here today!"

Massachusetts State Senate President Karen Spilka thanked all the honorees for what they are doing and for choosing to operate their businesses here. She commended them for helping our state solve critical problems of the day and for continuing to improve the quality of life for Massachusetts residents.

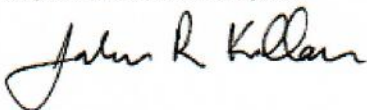
"In Massachusetts we are known for a lot of good things. We are a manufacturing state - we make things here and we always have." Commented Senator Eric Lesser, Senate Chair of the Joint Legislative Manufacturing Caucus. "Industry is the engine for middle class growth. It is a vital industry for saving lives. Just look at the PPE and how manufacturers here stepped up. Thanks to all who turned around to produce PPE. Thanks to the M-ERT for orchestrating the production of equipment for front line workers. We are not an ordinary state. Our manufacturing sector is not an ordinary sector. We continue to innovate and create jobs. We were doing this long before COVID19 and will continue to grow and innovate as we engineer our recovery. "

"There is so much to recognize and celebrate. This demonstrates the vibrancy of our manufacturing sector. Manufacturing will be at the core of our recovery going forward after this public health and economic crisis," said Secretary Michael Kennealy, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development for Massachusetts. "We applaud all the companies and small businesses recognized this year, and our administration looks forward to continuing to partner with the Legislature to support the skills training, equipment and infrastructure needed for continued sector growth," he added.

Finally, I would like to say that there has been no benchmark we have seen that compares to what our manufacturers can do. The manufacturing ecosystem that we all created allowed the building of brand-new products in a matter of weeks that would have taken months or even years. Innovation and Collaboration- the state has developed a methodology that addresses innovation pathways as well as a system of collaboration. We thank all of you for putting us in the best position for moving this economy forward.

Mass MEP is pleased to provide you with a copy of the printed booklet for, "**The 5th Manufacturing Caucus Awards- Re-imagined,**" as well as a copy of your personal story.

Congratulations once again,



President & CEO MassMEP