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**Top Manufacturers and Organization Partner, Honored at
Recent Manufacturers' Association's 112th Annual Event**

York, PA – The Manufacturers' Association, a growing regional trade association serving manufacturing, production and logistics in Pennsylvania and Maryland, recently honored the recipients of its annual Manufacturer's Awards.

Presented as part of its awards honors segment at their April 25 'Annual Event' hosted at The Pullo Center, the Association's 112th gathering set the backdrop to publicly recognize and honor member companies and partners who made a difference in the regional economy, the lives of their employees, their communities, and the local manufacturing sector during 2017.

Honored as *Manufacturer of the Year* was MKT Metal Manufacturing Inc.

MKT Metal Manufacturing Inc. is located in York County. The Manchester Township company specializes in fabricating sheet-metal duct work and HVAC accessories. It also provides other services, such as design and pre-assembly of ductwork. This past year, the company invested in new equipment, made a business acquisition, and is hiring new employees, an investment that totals almost \$10 million. This award recognizes the member organization that best demonstrates a contribution to the local economy, dedication to employees and membership in the Manufacturers' Association.

Recognized as the Association's outstanding *Community Investor* was Specialty Granules LLC, (Charmain Plant) of Blue Ridge Summit, PA.

SGL is a leading mining company supplying specialized products including the manufacturing of Roofing Granules and construction aggregates to the North American building materials industry. Presented each year to the company that shows a concerted commitment to the betterment and growth of the local or regional community(s) in which it does business, this award honors Franklin County-based SGL for its numerous civic and community initiatives and engagement with the local communities of Blue Ridge Summit, Waynesboro, Ft. Ritchie and elsewhere. A unique 'Behavior Based Safety' program involves observations of safe work practices, worth charitable dollars donated to non-profit organizations. The program is an effective means to increase safety awareness while helping others in need.

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Honored as *Manufacturing Innovator* was Electronic Manufacturing Services Group, Inc., of York, PA.

This York County-based manufacturer makes printed circuit boards, which are in just about every kind of electronic appliance, ranging from microwave ovens to clocks to cell phones. The firm made a sizeable commitment to new manufacturing equipment to increase production capacity in 2017, resulting in new employment and the ability to compete for larger and more complex work.

SCPa Works was recognized as the Association's *Partner of the Year*.

SCPa Works serves as the region's workforce development board, providing public funding for employment and training programs, and has partnered with the Manufacturers' Association for the past 15 years in workforce development and bringing a diverse array of training to manufacturers in the region. They have been a leading funding and training organization to increase the skill level of manufacturing firms and promoting apprenticeship programs.

The four individual manufacturing and partnership awards were presented by NASA Astronaut Captain Mark Kelly, the event's keynote speaker and guest.

The Manufacturers' Association is the partner and advocate for manufacturing, production and logistics in Pennsylvania and Maryland, serving nearly 400 member companies.

Founded in 1906 within the strength of the region's strong industrial roots, today the Association actively works with many types of organizations – offering member benefits such as employee education, training and workforce development, group benefit insurance, professional HR and search services, networking events, and much more.

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Ken Brown, President of MKT Metal Manufacturing Inc. receives the Manufacturers' Association's *Manufacturer of The Year Award* at the Association's 112th Annual Event April 25. Shown at left are Tom Baughman, outgoing Association President; Travis Gentzler, incoming President; Ken Brown of MKT; keynote speaker Astronaut Captain Mark Kelly, and Association Executive Director Tom Palisin.



Site Manager for Specialty Granules LLC (SGI) Justin Bushneck (center), accepts the Association's *Community Investor Award*. Shown from left are outgoing Association President Tom Baughman; Incoming Association President Travis Gentzler; SGI Coloring Plant Manager Robert Brockman; Bushneck; Keynote speaker NASA Astronaut Captain Mark Kelly, and Association Executive Director Tom Palisin.



Alex Hamp and Rocky Turnbaugh of Electronics Manufacturing Services Group, Inc. accept their *Business Innovator Award* from (at left) Tom Baughman, outgoing Association President; Travis Gentzler, incoming Association President, keynote speaker NASA Astronaut Captain Mark Kelly, and Tom Palisin, association executive director, at the Association's 112th Annual Event on April 25.



Jesse McCree, Executive Director of South Central PA Works (SCPa Works), accepts the award as *Partner of the Year* from (at left) outgoing Association President Tom Baughman; incoming Association President Travis Gentzler; Keynote speaker and guest NASA Astronaut Captain Mark Kelly, and Association Executive Director Tom Palisin.

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