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**Outstanding Regional Companies Recognized by The Manufacturers' Association
as Manufacturer of the Year, Top Innovator, Association Partner**

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 2016 annual Manufacturing Awards.

Presented as part of their awards segment at their April 20 'Annual Event' at The Pullo Center in York, the occasion provides an opportunity for the Association to publicly honor and recognize those member companies and partners making a difference in the regional economy, the lives of their employees and the local manufacturing sector.

Recognized as *Manufacturer of the Year* was **APX – York Sheet Metal**. With a true regional manufacturing presence, APX has three companies located in Franklin County, PA and one in York County. The company has enjoyed an upswing in sales – an impressive feat during what many consider to be challenging times in manufacturing. During the last few years, APX – York Sheet Metal has expanded their workforce to meet growing demand, hiring new employees and growing their employment by nearly 15%.

Honored as *Manufacturing Innovator* was **Glatfelter**, for demonstrating its commitment to innovation, new process or product development and the use of technology to improve the company's competitiveness and growth. Glatfelter was highlighted for its **Spring Grove Facility's** innovative use of sensor technologies throughout their facility to optimally manage the maintenance and reliability of production equipment. Glatfelter is a global supplier of specialty papers and fiber-based engineered materials, headquartered in York, PA, which employs over 4,300 people, serves customers in over 100 countries, and has sales exceeding \$1.7 billion annually.

Lebanon County Economic Development Corporation was recognized as the Association's *Partner of the Year*. LVEDC works with area businesses and the community to strengthen existing businesses and create an environment in which new companies can flourish. In fulfillment of its mission, LVEDC met with over 60 business in the county and as a direct result created a county Workforce Alliance to build stronger connections so that businesses, educators and service providers can dialogue and find solutions for workforce issues in the County.

Their first effort was to develop a manufacturing Consortia; so far this consortia has brought together the county schools, training organizations and manufacturers to develop curriculum and training to support the demands of manufacturers. The group also invested in the 'Career in Two Years Program' which highlights lucrative careers that can be achieved within two years or less - of college or technical training.

The public schools in Lebanon County have also participated in the iExplore Career website developed by the Manufacturers' Association, in efforts to promote manufacturing careers to high school students.

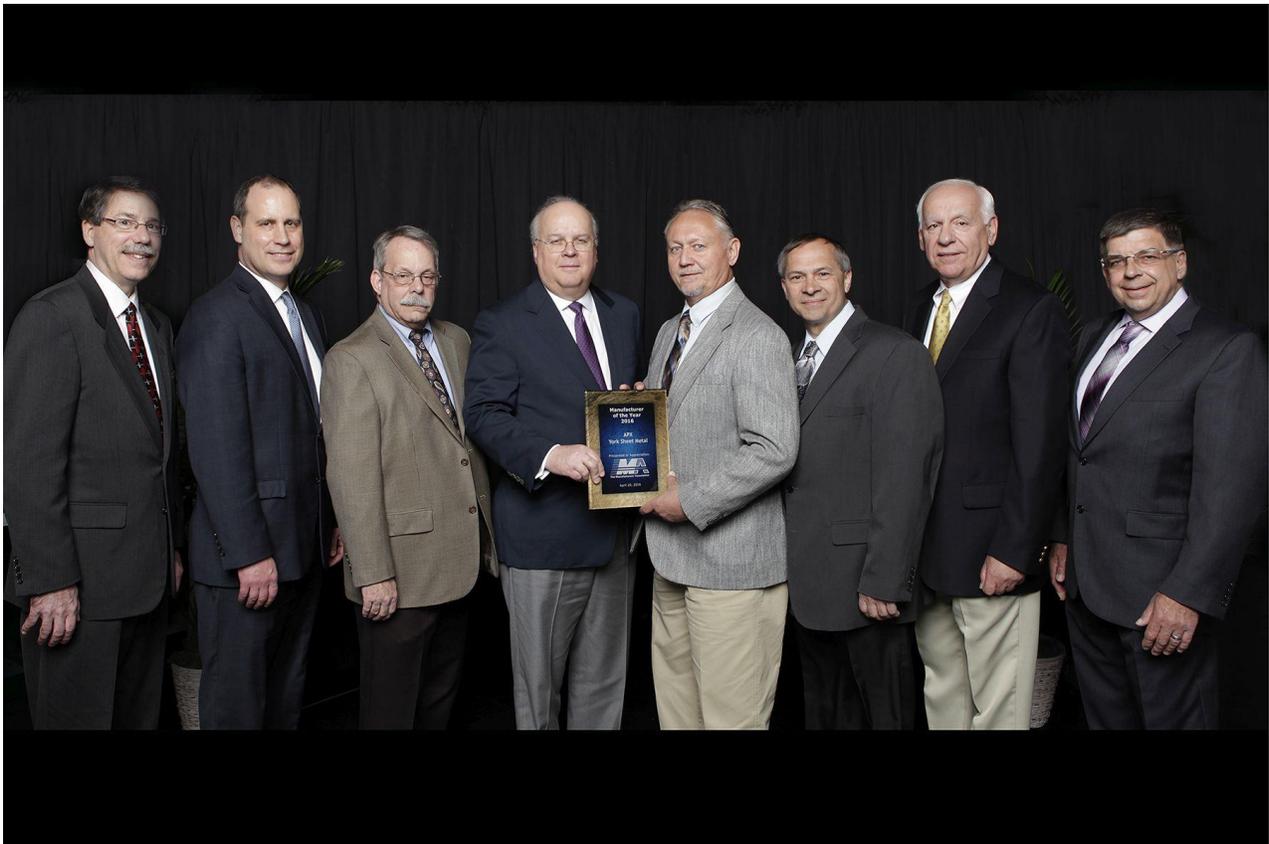
The individual manufacturing and partnership awards for the evening were personally presented by Karl Rove, noted political strategist and best-selling author, who served as the Association's keynote speaker for the 2016 gathering.

The Manufacturers' Association is the partner and advocate for manufacturing, production and logistics in Pennsylvania and Maryland, serving nearly 350 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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APX – York Sheet Metal receives The Manufacturers' Association's *Manufacturer of The Year Award* from Karl Rove, speaker for the Association's 110th Annual Event April 20. Also shown above (from left) are John Lebo, outgoing Association board president; Tom Palisin, Association executive director; Mike Shupp, York Sheet Metal purchasing; Joel Bradnick, Operations Manager for APX Companies, receiving the award; Randy Smith, York Sheet Metal production; Andy Papoutsis, CEO & President of APX Companies; and Tom Baughman, incoming Association Board president.

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Brian Skoney, reliability manager with Glatfelter, accepts the Manufacturing *Innovator of the Year Award* from Karl Rove, speaker for the Association's 110th Annual Event April 20. Also pictured above (from left) are John Lebo, outgoing Association board president; Tom Palisin, Association executive director; Matt Cowen of KCF Technologies (which nominated Glatfelter for the award); and Tom Baughman, incoming Association board president.



Susan Eberly, president of Lebanon County Economic Development Corporation accepts the *Partner of the Year Award* from Karl Rove, speaker for the Association's 110th Annual Event April 20. Also shown (from left) are John Lebo, outgoing Association board president; Tom Palisin, executive director; and Tom Baughman, incoming Association board president.