

OEM FABRICATORS, INC.

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Mark Tyler & Jim Hauschild named SBA WI Small Business Persons of the Year Honorable Mention

WOODVILLE, WI, April 2009 – The 2009 Wisconsin Small Business Persons of the-Year Honorable Mention award winners are S. Mark Tyler, President and Jim Hauschild, Vice President of OEM Fabricators in Woodville. Three hundred twenty team members of OEM Fabricators fabricate, machine, weld, finish and assemble products for over twenty industries. The “team” also assists in engineering, supply and management, developing test equipment and design and construction of research facilities for academic institutions. “We are pleased to be recognized by the SBA, it is really recognition of a great team of people at OEM, both here in Woodville and in Neillsville,” said Mark.



Mark, a data analyst/tool designer and James, a welder by trade, began employment together in 1977 working at American Hoist and Derrick in Minneapolis. Eventually, the pair found the opportunity to take the entrepreneurial leap and formed OEM Fabricators, Inc. in 1986. A major achievement of OEM was an expansion in 2007 to a second manufacturing facility in Neillsville. Over 200 employees had lost their jobs in Neillsville when a major employer closed its doors. OEM specifically chose this community as the site to access this pool of skilled talent and re-hire many of the displaced workers. OEM's employment jumped from 192 in 2006 to 290 in 2007 following the expansion. This expansion project included funding from SBA along with several other funding sources and the rural community in Clark County was profoundly impacted.

Craig Faust, President and CEO of HGI Company in Burlington, WI was named the 'Person of the Year'.

The Wisconsin SBA celebration of our Small Business winners will be June 5, 2009 at SBA and SCORE's Awards Presentation in Waukesha.

The Small Business Administration congratulates and thanks Craig of HGI Company and Mark and Jim of OEM Fabricators for their continued commitment and contributions to Wisconsin's small business communities.

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