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Ludlow-based Meredith-Springfield named Massachusetts' Manufacturer of the Year
Nominated by Senator Eric Lesser; honored by the Commonwealth's Manufacturing Caucus

LUDLOW, Mass. – Meredith-Springfield Associates, Inc., a world-class plastics manufacturer specializing in extrusion blow molding and injection stretch blow molding, was recently named 'Manufacturer of the Year' by the Commonwealth's Manufacturing Caucus. President and Chief Executive Officer, Mel O'Leary accepted the award alongside Director of Finance and Administration, Edward Kaplan, during a presentation at the Massachusetts State House on October 24. While the nomination came from their district Senator, Eric P. Lesser, it was supported by House Chair, Representative Jeffrey N. Roy, and the more than 60-member caucus.

In a letter signed by Lesser and Roy, it was conveyed that "Massachusetts has become a strong leader in advanced manufacturing and it is important for government and industry to continue to work together to pursue innovation."

"Meredith-Springfield began with one employee and one customer," said O'Leary. "Our growth can be attributed to our very talented and committed staff and employees, and the relationships we have established with our loyal customers and partnering vendors. I'm honored to have received this award and accepted it on behalf of all of those who have contributed to the company's success."

Formed in 2014, the Manufacturing Caucus focuses on encouraging innovation throughout the Commonwealth, recognizing that manufacturing is vitally important to the state's economy. Among the group's priorities: "promoting training for manufacturing employees, helping start-ups access resources and expanding apprenticeship opportunities in key manufacturing sectors."

The award presentation was attended by members of the Manufacturing Caucus with remarks given by Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, Secretary of the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development Jay Ash, Senate President Stanley Rosenberg and House Speaker Robert DeLeo.

"Massachusetts' leadership expressed a commitment to continuing to invest in the manufacturing sector at the awards presentation," explained Kaplan. "Certainly, these were welcome remarks given my position in finance. Meredith-Springfield has made a positive impact on the local economy and in addition to recognizing that impact, it's satisfying to know that our leaders share our mission."

For more information about Meredith-Springfield, visit meredithspringfield.com.

About Meredith-Springfield Associates, Inc.

An SQF-certified plastic extrusion and injection stretch blow molding manufacturing and engineering company in Ludlow, Mass., Meredith-Springfield has built a reputation for providing superior, high-quality finished products and a hassle-free experience to companies across the globe. The company's core competencies include project management of extrusion blow molded articles from concept through commercialization, and creating process solutions to enable optimal manufacturing of the most difficult articles. Meredith-Springfield offers the latest technology for molding PET and other resins to the existing client base and can take

advantage of other global opportunities. Clients include American Distilling Inc., B&G Foods, Inc., Chesebrough-Ponds, Chevron Oil, Clairol, Clorox, Elizabeth Arden, Gillette, Johnson & Johnson, Kraft, PepsiCo, and Reebok. These are just a few of the companies who in the past, or at present, enjoy partnerships with Meredith-Springfield. Resin capabilities include HDPE, PP, PVC, PA, PET, EPET, TPE, TPU, ABS, LDPE and Fluoropolymers. Serving the medical, packaging, industrial, HBA, and food industries, Meredith-Springfield consistently demonstrates its capabilities in world-class product design and manufacturing and deepens its national and international relationships. Meredith-Springfield is also a consistent referral for companies of all sizes who need test-market quantities of custom blow molded prototype samples for research and development (R&D) and for "out-of-the box" concept development. For more information, please visit meredithspringfield.com.

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