

# **Power Test Inc. Wins 2011 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award**

## **Company receives award for Operational Excellence and Community Support**

Sussex, WI – March 5, 2012 – Power Test Inc. was one of eight Wisconsin companies awarded a prestigious Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award. The winners were announced Thursday night, February 23, at a black tie banquet honoring the 52 nominees. The program is sponsored by the Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, the accounting firm Baker Tilley and the law firm Michael Best & Friedrich LLP.

“Power Test has shown with their commitment to Continuous Improvement/Lean Manufacturing practices along with a dedicated and committed workforce they are truly a global leader in the Dynamometer market,” said Kelly Sullivan, a member of the judging panel and staff member of Northwest Wisconsin Outreach Center at the University of Wisconsin – Stout.

The Operational Excellence and Community Support award was given to Power Test based upon the very strong operating performance and growth of the company over the past five years, as well as the commitment to employee development and many community activities. These include working with area school districts to better train students for careers in manufacturing, sending high potential employees through the Wisconsin Apprenticeship program and creating an award winning Wellness Program for employees and their families. In addition, the company has given significant monetary donations to over 30 charitable organizations, donated food harvested from the Power Test garden to local food banks and created the Destination Donation team of endurance athletes to generate awareness of the need for organ, tissue and eye donations.

Power Test was nominated for the award by Dr. Kathleen Cooke, Superintendent and Pete Ferge, Associate Principal and Extended Learning Opportunities Coordinator, of the Hamilton School District. “Power Test was chosen by the judges to receive a special award because of their commitment to their employees and their community,” according to WMC spokesperson Katy Pettersen. “The judges noted the company’s strong commitment to wellness and praised Power Test’s philanthropy.”

“These eight companies represent the top tier of Wisconsin’s manufacturers,” said Tod Linstroth, Senior Partner of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP and a member of the firm’s management committee. “The world-class innovation and countless advancements coming from companies in our backyard are second to none.”

Reflecting upon the reward, Alan Petelinsek, the owner and president of Power Test said “We have been blessed with tremendous opportunities throughout our history. The visionary launch of our business by my father John Petelinsek and the skills of our creative employees have all been drawn upon to develop Power Test into a leading example of what a forward thinking modern manufacturing businesses can become.”

