

The Indiana Manufacturers Hall of Fame ~ *Indiana Manufacturers Association* ~

On October 19, 2016, manufacturers, business leaders, and policymakers from across the state met in Indianapolis to honor those companies that have made longstanding contributions to the development of a healthy, dynamic industrial environment in Indiana. The Ford Meter Box Company is pleased to be among the select group of companies acknowledged at this inaugural event and honored to be inducted into the newly created Indiana Manufacturers Hall of Fame.

According to Indiana Manufacturers Association (IMA) President Brian Burton, "Manufacturing is one of the main drivers of Indiana's economy, representing 30% of Indiana's gross domestic product. We are pleased to induct The Ford Meter Box Company, Inc. into our Indiana Manufacturers Hall of Fame in this inaugural year."

Company president Steve Ford commented that credit for such an honor should accrue to prior generations who persevered during the firm's 118 year history and to those who continue to build products and offer manufacturing support today. Ford also noted, "At a time when job related dialogues in the public square seem to emphasize a knowledge economy over a manufacturing economy, it's gratifying to see that the two aren't mutually exclusive in Indiana."

About the Indiana Manufacturers Association:

Formed in 1901, the Indiana Manufacturers Association (IMA) is the second oldest manufacturers association in the country and the only trade association in Indiana that exclusively focuses on manufacturing. The IMA is dedicated to advocating for a business climate that creates, protects and promotes quality manufacturing jobs in Indiana. Indiana is one of the top manufacturing states in America in wealth and jobs created, sustained, and supported. More than 50 percent of all employment in Indiana has some connection to manufacturing. For more information, visit www.imaweb.com.



Pictured at the ceremony are left to right: Mike Jones, VP and Plant Manager; Mark Ford, Industrial Engineering Manager; Brian Burton, President and CEO of IMA; John Andersen, Manager of Plant Engineering; Steve Beck, IT Manager; Gary Larson, CFO; Charles Chapman, Advertising Manager; Steve Ford, President; Chris Shanks, Senior VP and General Manager; and IMA's Board Chairman, Bill Gartland, President of Atlas Foundry.