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LION Vallen Industries (LVI) is Named a Winner of the 2011 Progressive Manufacturing 100 Awards

DAYTON, OHIO — LVI, the military third-party logistics division of LION, was chosen as a winner of the seventh annual PM100 Awards, selected by Manufacturing Enterprise Communications, Inc., producers of the Manufacturing Leadership Summit and publishers of *Managing Automation* magazine.

The award recognizes top projects from best-in-class companies across the globe, where scope of mastery, degree of business integration, and use of technology were particularly noteworthy. Awards are given in eight disciplines, and LVI was selected by a panel of 14 independent judges for Operational Excellence.

“As we prepare for the eventual end of the Great Recession, these winning companies dramatically underscore how the manufacturing industry will begin to emerge in an even stronger position once a recovery takes hold,” David R. Brousell, Editor-in-Chief of *Managing Automation*, says. “The projects that enable these companies to become PM100 winners reflect great creativity and inventiveness, a determined willingness to take risk, and an enduring resilience to continually improve every aspect of their business. These companies are leading the way to a better future.”

“This project enabled LVI to dramatically change its operating paradigm - we reduced the underlying cost structure, increased productivity, and ultimately enhanced our overall competitiveness. It was crucial to LVI’s recent success in winning the Army 3PL Contract awarded by the Defense Logistics Agency - Troop Support, for the wholesale management of Army clothing, textile, and individual equipment nationwide. Recognition as a recipient of the prestigious PM100 award provides independent validation of our project team’s outstanding accomplishments in evaluating, leaning, optimizing and subsequently relocating the entire Army 3PL operations from Suffolk, VA to Pendergrass, GA this past fall.

Consistent commitment to operational excellence is one of our core corporate beliefs, and the PM100 award certainly affirms the value of that commitment. Our project and operating teams can be very proud of both the business achievement and the PM100 recognition that places them among the list of global leaders.”, Said Andrew T. “Terry” Smith, Senior Vice President of LVI and its parent company LION. Terry will accept the award at the Awards Gala during the Manufacturing Leadership Summit 2011, May 11 at The Breakers in Palm Beach. FL.





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LION Inc. is a 112-year-old, family owned company based in Dayton, Ohio, USA that has a legacy and ongoing vision of introducing new products and services that are designed to ensure the health, safety and performance of the first responders who serve our communities and our country. LION continually delivers game-changing innovations in PPE designed to best prepare firefighters, EMS teams and law enforcement officers for the new dangers and hazards they face each day. LION also designs paradigm-shifting supply chain and logistics programs that best equip our warfighters for the rigors of training and the challenges of battle. LION makes sure the people who protect us are more prepared for action.

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