



Hypertherm named “Business of the Year” by Business NH Magazine

HANOVER, NH—June 23, 2011—Hypertherm, a U.S. based manufacturer of advanced metal cutting products, today announced its selection as a [2011 Business of the Year by Business New Hampshire Magazine](#). The award recognizes businesses for outstanding business and civic contributions.

One of nine New Hampshire businesses honored, Hypertherm, was selected for its performance in the Manufacturing and Technology category. Other categories included Education and Nonprofit, Health Care, Financial Services and Insurance, Retail and Wholesale, as well as Tourism and Hospitality.

“Hypertherm is honored by its selection as the Best Manufacturer and Technology company in the Granite State,” said Dick Couch, Hypertherm’s founder and president. “New Hampshire has been home for our entire 43 year history and the state’s commitment to a skilled and educated workforce ensures our continued success here for years to come.”

A screening committee made up of members of the New Hampshire Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (NHACCE) pared the noteworthy field of applicants to three semifinalists in each category. From there, a *Panel of Excellence*, comprised of executives from the 2010 Business of the Decade winning companies selected this year’s recipients.

Hypertherm designs and manufactures advanced metal cutting systems for use in a variety of industries such as shipbuilding, manufacturing, and automotive repair. Its product line includes handheld and mechanized plasma and laser systems, consumables, as well as CNC motion and height controls and cutting software. Hypertherm systems are trusted for performance and reliability that results in increased productivity and profitability for tens of thousands of businesses. The New Hampshire based company’s reputation for metal cutting innovation dates back more than 40 years, to 1968, with Hypertherm’s invention of water injection plasma cutting. The company, consistently named one of the best places to work in America, has more than 1,000 associates along with operations and partner representation worldwide.

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