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MACNY ANNOUNCES TIMOTHY BUDD AS INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR *Budd to be recognized at MACNY's 100th Annual Dinner*

Syracuse, New York- MACNY, The Manufacturers Association today announced that Timothy Budd of Giovanni Food Company was selected as the 2013 MACNY Innovator of the Year. Tim is the Plant Manager at Giovanni Foods. He was nominated by his employer, Lou DeMent, Chief Executive Officer of Giovanni Food Company.

DeMent writes, "Since Tim's hire, our roster of employees reporting to work each day has risen 60%, and in the past year, our turnover rate has dropped from 5.2% to a remarkable 1.5%. An increased focus on employee safety programs spearheaded by Tim, have resulted in a lower number of recordable incidents every year since 2008. With this impressive expansion taking place, Tim has never stopped dreaming of more. He continues to push for higher efficiency by automating more processes...Tim is the driving force behind an impressive 17% increase in efficiency, while simultaneously decreasing our energy cost by 10%...For the past three consecutive years, our revenue has increased by 20% or more-a difficult feat to consistently achieve in any economic climate."

DeMent concludes his nomination, "It is an understatement to say Tim's innovation is well respected and appreciated by everyone in our company. We believe he will continue to pioneer us towards greater opportunities."

The MACNY Innovator of the Year Award, sponsored by Corning, Inc. was created at the suggestion of MACNY member Executives and CEOs, as a way to nominate and recognize individuals within a company who, although may not be executive level, consistently demonstrate forward thinking ideas in the areas of technology, innovation and advancement of products and production. Budd was nominated by his employer on behalf of everyone at Giovanni Foods, and selected by a panel of manufacturing executives from Central and Upstate New York.

"On behalf of the Innovator Award Selection Committee, I would like to extend my congratulations to Timothy and Giovanni Food Company on the receipt of this well-deserved honor," stated MACNY President Randy Wolken. "We were pleased to receive nominations for many well-qualified candidates, whom most importantly were considered outstanding innovators by their peers and colleagues. Timothy's nomination was based on his hard work, dedication, forward thinking and perseverance, all of which have been significant contributing factors to the great success of Giovanni Foods over the years. We look forward to recognizing Timothy and his many achievements at MACNY's 100th Annual Dinner."

As part of MACNY's tradition, Budd will be honored as part of MACNY's 100th Annual Dinner, in front of Giovanni Food Company colleagues and an audience of over 500 manufacturers from Central and Upstate New York. The dinner will be held at the Syracuse OnCenter on May 9th, 2013. For tickets or additional information, please contact Debbie Sindone at 315.474.4201 ext 24, or dsindone@macny.org.

MACNY, the Manufacturers Association, represents over 330 companies in a nineteen county region in Upstate New York. The 100-year-old organization provides human resource services, training, purchasing solutions, networking opportunities and advocacy support for its members. For more information, please visit www.macny.org.

