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SUHOR INDUSTRIES RECEIVES NATIONAL MANUFACTURE OF THE YEAR AWARD

(Overland Park, Kan.)...Suhor Industries was named START-IT Magazine's Manufacturer of the Year for 2006. This award recognizes manufacturing companies that contribute significantly to the overall well being of the economy and to the manufacturing industry as a whole by overcoming challenges and hurdles to remain competitive.

Dennis P. Welzenbach, Chief Operating Officer/CFO, Suhor Industries accepted the award recently in Arlington Heights, Illinois. "Winning the prestigious START-IT Manufacturer of the Year award is an honor," says Welzenbach. "We were up against dozens of successful manufacturing companies that thrive in a very complex marketplace, and we congratulate them as well."

A panel of judges including the Editorial Director/Publisher of START-IT Magazine chose one winner in three categories: Small, Midmarket and Large market. Suhor Industries won the small market category. This year's winners are featured in the current issue of START-IT magazine. To learn more about the awards, visit http://www.specialtypub.com/startit/article.asp?article_id=4736

"We were impressed to learn how product diversification, dedication to quality and service, and the use of technologically-superior software have all led to Suhor Industries' significant and rapid growth," says Peggy Smedley, Editorial Director/Publisher, START-IT Magazine. "We congratulate Suhor Industries and wish them continued success."

For over 70 years, Suhor and its branded division, SI Funeral Services, have been a supplier and resource for funeral professionals. They started serving funeral homes in the state of Missouri and have grown to be the nation's largest burial vault supplier with over 70 locations in 10 states. With nearly 700 full time employees and 450 vehicles, 70 locations and 10 crematories, the company participates in the disposition of 100,000 deaths each year, not to mention 14,000 monuments and memorials installed each year.

START-IT Magazine is a quarterly publication for manufacturing companies. Its editorial content advises manufacturers how to partner with technology providers to help solve their business challenges. For more information please visit <http://www.specialtypub.com/startit/>.

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Dennis Welzenbach, Suhor Industries' COO, (center) is pictured holding the START-IT Magazine's Manufacturer of the Year Award for 2006 that his company received. Shown with Welzenbach are the publication's Editorial Director/Publisher, Peggy Smedley, and Editor-in-Chief, John Buell.