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## **HID Global of North Haven, Connecticut Receives 2008 Bronze Shingo Medallion for Operational Excellence**

**October 10, 2008: For Immediate Release:** HID Global of North Haven, Connecticut is a 2008 Bronze Medallion recipient of the Shingo Prize for Operational Excellence. The award serves as recognition of a company that has continually solved challenging manufacturing process problems, and in the process, is working toward transforming into a world-class organization. By effectively focusing the activities of their Lean implementation in the right areas, with leadership setting the vision and mission to effectively change the organization's culture, HID Global has been recognized for achieving tremendous business results. Significant reduction in lead times, improvement in on-time delivery, reduced scrap and huge increases in shipments with an incremental increase in labor were noted by Shingo evaluators as contributors to the North Haven facility's award-winning performance.

The Shingo Award, called the "Nobel Prize of manufacturing" by Business Week magazine, recognizes operational excellence, translating into strong customer satisfaction and business results. Established in 1998 by University of Utah and named in honor of Shigeo Shingo, creator of the Toyota Production System, to promote strategic leadership, effective workforce practices and the implementation of Lean principles and techniques, the award criteria touches all facets of an organization's operations. The prize criteria provides companies with a blueprint for attaining world class operational excellence, by focusing on Customer Satisfaction and Profitability; Quality; Cost and Delivery; Core Operations, Leadership and Empowerment Enablers.

Formal presentation of the Bronze Medallion will occur both at the Northeast Regional Conference (October 16, 2008) to be held in Boston, and the International Conference (May 5 & 6, 2009) to be held in Nashville, Tennessee. The fourth annual ***Northeast Shingo Conference Awards Presentation Banquet*** on Thursday, October 16, 2008 in Boston, Massachusetts is part of a 2-day conference that will highlight how industries in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic are implementing lean manufacturing best practices and features presentations by many nationally renowned lean leaders. Extrusion Technology of Randolph MA, Callaway Golf Ball Operations of Chicopee MA and Raytheon IDS IADC of Andover MA will also be awarded Shingo Medallions for Operational Excellence.

***About HID Global:*** HID Global is the trusted, worldwide leader in providing solutions for the delivery of Secure Identity. The company is focused on creating customer value with product, service and know-how solutions for access and identification-related

*applications. Head-quartered in Irvine, California, HID Global has over 2,000 employees worldwide supporting customers in more than 100 countries. HID Global is an ASSA ABLOY Group brand.*

***About GBMP:*** *Based at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, GBMP is a non-profit corporation that has worked with hundreds of companies, providing suggestions and solutions resulting in millions in cost savings and increased sales. Each year GBMP trains over 7000 people on Continuous Improvement principles in customized, on-site classroom and shop-floor training sessions and educates over 1000 more people in public workshops, plant tours and the Manufacturing Roundtable.*

***About the Shingo Prize:*** *Dubbed the “Nobel Prize of Manufacturing” by Business Week, the Shingo Prize is recognized as the premier award for operational excellence in North America. The 2008 Northeast Conference and Award Ceremony will highlight how lean principles, communities, and techniques/tools can guide a company’s aspirations to be competitive in global markets*

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