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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
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Dear Governor Haley:

As a manufacturing company in the upstate of South Carolina we would like to thank you for the emphasis and effort you have put forth in your administration to continue to make South Carolina a great place to locate manufacturing companies. South Carolina truly is “manufacturing friendly”.

T&S Brass and Bronze Works is a family owned business employing approximately 250 South Carolinians and has been located in Travelers Rest at the same location since 1974.

We at T&S Brass have some exciting news that we have just received this week.

T&S Brass and Bronze Works has been named one of fourteen finalists in the 2014 Industry Week Best Plants competition. This competition annually salutes excellence in manufacturing across North America in areas such as admirable performance metrics, comprehensive efforts to improve across the many functions that occur within a manufacturing plant, and engaged workforces.

We are the only finalist from either of the Carolina’s which makes us quite proud.

Having been a previous winner of the South Carolina Manufacturer of the year award in 2006 we are pleased to be recognized on a national level.

T&S Brass and Bronze Works would like to invite you to visit our facility at your convenience to meet some very appreciative employees and witness for yourself the success your policies have enabled us to achieve.



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Again, thank you for supporting manufacturers like T&S Brass and Bronze as we believe a strong manufacturing base will keep South Carolina at the forefront in our nation. We also look forward to what additional strides our state can make in the next four years under your leadership.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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## 2014 IndustryWeek Best Plants Finalists Named

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IndustryWeek congratulates the finalists of the 2014 [IW Best Plants](#) competition, which annually salutes excellence in manufacturing across North America.

This year's finalists represent manufacturing facilities across Canada, the United States and Mexico.

While they are located throughout North America, these finalist facilities share several common elements, including admirable performance metrics, comprehensive efforts to improve across the many functions that occur within a manufacturing plant, and engaged workforces.



From these finalists, IndustryWeek will choose the 2014 IW Best Plants winners, who will represent the 25th anniversary class of the IW Best Plants competition winners.

The winning facilities will be profiled in the January 2015 issue of IndustryWeek and online at [www.industryweek.com](http://www.industryweek.com). They also will be honored at the 2015 IndustryWeek Best Plants conference, which will take place May 4-6 in Charlotte. -- Jill Jusko

### The 2014 finalists are:

**Bard Shannon Ltd.**

Humacao, Puerto Rico

**Boston Scientific Maple Grove**

Maple Grove, Minn.

**Cessna Mexico**

Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico

**DePuy Synthes**

Raynham, Mass.

**Douglas Dynamics -- Milwaukee Facility**

Milwaukee, Wisc.

**Franklin Electric -- Linares**

Linares, Nuevo León, México

**Freudenberg-NOK Sealing Technologies, Lead Center Fluid Power Automotive -- Findlay**

Findlay, Ohio

**General Cable Corp. -- Marion Plant**

Marion, Ind.

**Intertape Polymer Group Inc.**

Danville, Va.

**L.B. Foster Rail Technologies Corp.**

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

**MasterCraft Boat Co.**

Vonore, Tenn.

**The Raymond Corp.**

Greene, N.Y.

**Sparton Medical Systems Colorado LLC**

Frederick, Colo.

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