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Uponor Named 2012 Manufacturer of the Year Runner-up by the Manufacturers Alliance

Uponor was recently named runner-up Manufacturer of the Year for mid-size companies in Minnesota by the [Manufacturers Alliance](#), an association providing peer-to-peer training, education and resources which allow Midwest manufacturing companies to continuously grow, improve and stay competitive.



Bill Senum, Project Manager of Operations at Uponor, (right), guides a group on the Manufacturers Alliance Tour of Excellence at the Apple Valley, Minn., facility.

In addition to the recognition, Uponor was also asked to be one of two companies on the Manufacturers Alliance Tour of Excellence on July 31, 2012, to showcase its outstanding accomplishments in operational improvements. (The other company was Eaton Corp., headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minn.)

“Employee contributions toward Lean results are creating a benchmark not only within our industry, but amongst our manufacturing peers as well,” says Jeremy Barth, manufacturing manager, Operations, at Uponor. “Our

employees deserve the recognition for increasing our brand image and visibility in our community.”

The Tour of Excellence at the Uponor North American headquarters and manufacturing facility in Apple Valley, Minn., included topics on Tier Management, Continuous Improvement (CI) Boards, A3 projects, Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE) and Manufacturing Execution System (MES).

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