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## **Distefano Tool & Mfg. Co. receives Nebraska Diplomats Award**

**OMAHA, NEBRASKA** – Behlen Mfg. Co. is pleased to announce Distefano Tool & Mfg. Co. (DTM) has received a Nebraska Diplomats Presidents Excellence in Business Award. Nebraska Diplomats, Inc. is the largest economic development organization in Nebraska with a membership of more than 475 business and community leaders.

The award was presented May 6<sup>th</sup> at Metro Community College-Fort Omaha Campus by Gov. Dave Heineman and Diplomats' President Terry McMullen. Accepting were: Brian Turner, General Manager of DTM; TR Raimondo, Chairman and Coach of Behlen Mfg. Co.; Tony Raimondo Jr., President Behlen Country; and Lyle Burbach, CEO of DTM.

McMullen said DTM stood out for its growing employment opportunities in the Omaha area, its diversification of products and its history of driving new business opportunities and community involvement.

“As I investigated the 15 or so companies we discussed in the medium category, I became incredibly impressed with Distefano and the fact that Behlen (another wonderful Nebraska company) was going to help them get to the next level to the benefit of Omaha and Nebraska – it made a difference,” he said.

DTM is one of the leading suppliers in the Midwest of precision tooling, machined steel components and custom-fabricated metal parts. DTM fabricates more than 1,000 different metal components for various industries, including commercial turf care, agricultural, construction, transportation, medical and telecommunications.

This award follows the positive news in March that the former Nashua Corp. building, located along I-80 at 3838 South 108<sup>th</sup> Street in Omaha, Nebraska, has been purchased by Behlen and will be the new home for DTM. The new building will allow DTM to consolidate manufacturing into one facility which will improve efficiency, customer service, and provide opportunity for growth. DTM currently operates in two separate facilities in North Omaha.

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Behlen Mfg. Co. is a locally owned company established in 1936 and consists of five diverse business units. Behlen Country is the nation's leading manufacturer of farm & ranch equipment. Behlen Building Systems delivers pre-engineered metal buildings through a nationwide network of builders. International and Diversified Products (IDP) manufactures Grain Systems, Metal Stitching Presses, and Custom Fabrication products and has exported to more than 70 countries. In 2008, Behlen purchased Distefano Tool & Mfg. in Omaha, Nebraska adding even more capacity and more capability for the Behlen Group. BMC Transportation Company delivers flatbed loads for Behlen Mfg. Co. and other customers in the United States and selected Canadian provinces. The 850,000 sq. ft. world headquarters and manufacturing facility of Behlen is located in Columbus, Nebraska. Additional U.S. locations include: Baker City, Oregon; Huntingdon, Tennessee; and Omaha, Nebraska.

Behlen employs more than 900 Partners in Progress (employees) and this year we are celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> year in business.

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