Celebrating National Manufacturing Day,
Maine Company Honored at Saco Award Ceremony

Saco, Maine: In celebration of National Manufacturing Day, the Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership (Maine MEP) today presented its annual Manufacturing Excellence Award to Xuron Corporation, a manufacturer of ergonomic electronics-grade hand tools. The company was recognized for its successful implementation of Lean manufacturing strategies that improved efficiencies, cut costs and helped the firm become a globally-recognized leader in its market.

The award ceremony in Saco was attended by state officials, representatives from the congressional offices of Senator King, Senator Collins and Representative Pingree and state and local officials, including Senator Linda Valentino and Representative Justin Chenette, who congratulated the company on its achievement and expressed pride that a Saco employer was selected for the 2015 award.
[Photo Caption: Congratulatory messages from the Congressional offices. Pictured left to right: Bonita Pothier (Senator King’s office); Cathy Goodwin (Senator Collins office); Bob Warner, Xuron President/Co-Owner; Abby Robey, Xuron Sales & Marketing; Dennis Shores, Xuron CFO; and Brian Doyle, Governor’s Account Executive; Jesse Connolly (Congresswoman Pingree’s office.)

[Photo Caption: State of Maine Legislative Sentiment presented to Xuron, Corp. Pictured from left to right: Senator Linda Valentino; Bob Warner, Xuron President/Co-Owner; Abby Robey, Xuron Sales & Marketing; Dennis Shores, Xuron CFO; and State Representative Justin Chenette.] Photo Credit: Eduard Zakirov
Today’s award ceremony highlighted Manufacturing Day, an annual national event designed to showcase modern manufacturing technologies and careers. In addition to the award ceremony and plant tour at Xuron, nine other Maine manufacturers opened their doors today and invited local students and the public to tour their facilities and learn more about career opportunities. The companies represented some of Maine’s best-known manufacturers, including Hussey Seating in North Berwick, Owens Corning in Brunswick, Cuddledown in Yarmouth, Modula in Lewiston, Compounding Solutions in Lewiston, Formtek Maine in Clinton, Little Harbor Window Company in Berwick, Northeast CNC in Gorham, and Maine Machine Products Company in Paris.

About Maine MEP

The Maine MEP is a program of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development and an affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
under the U.S. Department of Commerce. The national MEP system is a network of manufacturing extension centers that provide business and technical assistance to smaller manufacturers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Through MEP, manufacturers have access to more than 2,000 manufacturing and business professionals whose job is to help firms make changes that lead to greater productivity, increased profits and enhanced global competitiveness. For information on the Maine MEP program, please visit www.mainemep.org, or phone 1-800-MEP-4MFG.