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FEDCO 2017 RECIPIENT OF THE MICHIGAN WORKS! IMPACT AWARD

Monroe, Michigan U.S.A. (March 9, 2017) - Fluid Equipment Development Company or FEDCO a Michigan based manufacturer of centrifugal pumps and brine energy recovery devices for desalination was presented with a Michigan Works! Impact Award. The award was presented to FEDCO at the Michigan Works! Association 2017 Impact Awards were held on February 22 at the Anderson House Office Building in Lansing, Michigan. The annual awards ceremony is held to recognize the finest achievements in workforce development statewide by the Michigan Works! system that is made up of regional Michigan Works! Agencies. FEDCO was recognized by the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) Talent Investment Agency.

FEDCO was approved for Skilled Trades Training Fund (STTF) funding in 2016. This funding provided support training for CAM programming and Geometric Dimension and Tolerancing for six (6) employees to improve on the company's professional training initiatives as well as addressing efficiency and product quality. The Impact Award was presented in recognition of FEDCO playing a leadership role in the demand-driven manufacturing process in order to provide local employment and training opportunities. *"The result has been that we can now manufacture many of our components in house, at a lower cost than imported parts! The STTF grant has made it possible for FEDCO to train more of our team and bring more work back to Michigan,"* noted Greg Thomas, Production Manager at FEDCO.

With a focus on employee success and continuous improvement, FEDCO is committed to utilizing the latest technologies to improve existing products by providing training to our workforce. SEMCA was instrumental in assisting FEDCO through the STTF grant process. FEDCO depends on workforce development to give our U.S. manufacturing operations a competitive advantage in the global economy.

Attachment Picture Caption: Impact award accepted by (from left to right); Greg Pitoniak (CEO SEMCA Michigan Works!), Doreen Lay (FEDCO Human Resources Manager), Amanda Hawes (FEDCO Human Resources Specialist), Greg Thomas (FEDCO Production Manager), not identified, Charlie Mahoney (Michigan Works! Chairperson - Board of Directors), and Michigan 17th District State House Representative Joseph Bellino Jr.

About FEDCO

Fluid Equipment Development Company, LLC or FEDCO is the innovative developer and manufacturer of high pressure pumps and energy recovery devices for seawater and brackish water reverse osmosis desalination located in Monroe, Michigan USA. More information is available at www.fedco-usa.com.

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