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During the first-ever **Dayton Business Journal Manufacturing Awards**, Swihart Industries, Inc. received two awards and was honored as **winner** for **Overall Excellence** while placing second in the **Innovation category**.

A packed house filled the Dayton Masonic Center on for the first Dayton Business Journal Manufacturing Awards. Seven winners were named across a variety of categories, including workforce training, exporting and community involvement.

Finalists in all categories were chosen from more than 107 nominations by an independent panel of judges. The honorees represent all facets of Dayton's diverse manufacturing industry from supplying the automotive sector, to manufacturing labels, plastics and food.

Manufacturing is critical to the Dayton region because it represents 100,000 jobs and accounts for tens of billions of dollars in annual sales in the 12-county region surrounding Dayton, according to a Wright State University study commissioned by the Dayton Region Manufacturers Association.

