

## Press Release

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# Hartmann's Inc. Wins Local Employer of Excellence Award and is Named Small Employer of the Year Finalist at Texas Workforce Conference

**Abilene, Texas** — Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas is proud to recognize Hartmann's Inc. as the region's 2023 Local Employer of Excellence and one of three named finalists statewide for Small Employer of the Year. Hartmann's received the award at the Texas Workforce Commission's 26th Annual Texas Workforce Conference in Houston. Hartmann's Inc. was selected by Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas for their positive impact on workers, the community, and the state through their contributions to the Texas workforce system.

“Hartmann's exemplifies how a small, family-owned business can successfully compete nationally and internationally with much larger businesses by being innovative and investing locally in growing the current and future workforce,” said Mary Ross, Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Executive Director. Hartmann's Inc. has grown from a small machine shop when they started out into an engineering house and original equipment manufacturer. They have been named one of the top machine shops in the United States four years running.

Having recently quadrupled production capacity, they embrace comprehensive talent pipeline development to maintain a skilled labor force. Hartmann's delivers career exploration, curriculum development, industry tours, student and teacher training, and work-based learning to grow a pipeline of quality candidates. As a member of the Big Country Manufacturing Alliance and partner of Workforce Solutions, Hartmann's is supporting the growth of manufacturing across West Central Texas.

“We are thrilled and humbled to be named as the local Employer of Excellence for the Big Country and a finalist for Small Employer of the Year for Texas from the Texas Workforce Commission,”

said Alan Hartmann, Hartmann's Inc. President. "This recognition reflects our commitment to providing quality products and services to our customers, as well as creating a positive and rewarding work environment for our employees. It would not be possible to make the great products we do without awesome people. We are grateful for their dedication, creativity, and passion."

Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas is committed to strengthening the economic vitality of a 19-county region by investing in the success of residents and businesses and meeting the needs of employers and workers through locally-designed, market-driven workforce development initiatives and services. For more information, visit [www.wfswct.org](http://www.wfswct.org).

Workforce Solutions will honor Hartmann's Inc. locally during an awards presentation on Wednesday, December 20 at Noon at the Board Administrative Offices located in Abilene at 500 Chestnut, Suite 1200. Media representatives are invited to attend.

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