

Wetherby Company Wins Prestigious Manufacturing Prize

Yorkshire and North East winners announced in the EEF Future Manufacturing Awards 2013

NTR Ltd, a tooling reclamation company, has won a prestigious award in the EEF Future Manufacturing Awards 2013, in a ceremony held at the Ridding Park Hotel in Harrogate.

The company will now go onto the national finals, which will be held in London in January 2014, where they will compete against other regional winners from across the UK.

The Wetherby-based company was announced as the winner of the Operating Practices and Processes Award, sponsored by contract new product developer, Pera Technology, for developing a Reverse Engineering programme with Huddersfield University to enable more complex and challenging tooling and expand its specialist craft skills. The award recognises manufacturers that have successfully designed and delivered new operating practice or processes related to production, business management or restructure.

Speaking about the company's success Paul Tranter, chief executive of awards' sponsor Pera Technology, said: "For any manufacturer, improving process must remain a key focal point, this is particularly true of the highly-competitive precision pocketed cutting tool sector. By investing in new processes NTR Ltd are ensuring that they remain competitive. To further support businesses like NTR Ltd, we have launched our new leap® package of business support services, which help businesses, undergo changes to process."

Andrew Tuscher, Region Director for Yorkshire and the North East at EEF, the manufacturers' organisation, said: "NTR Ltd is a true Yorkshire business success story that highlights the role the region plays in driving the UK economy forward. By taking bold steps and investing in its people, resources and technology, they have grown their business despite the challenging economic climate. Ambitious companies such as NTR are an asset to the region and are very worthy of their success."

The annual awards are hosted by EEF, the manufacturers' organisation, and recognise excellence in enterprise, innovation, exports, environmental performance, skills development, health and safety and apprenticeships among UK manufacturers. The national finals will take place on Thursday 30th January 2014 in London.

About EEF

EEF, the manufacturers' organization, is the representative voice of manufacturing in the UK together with UK Steel. EEF has a growing membership of over 6,000 companies of all sizes, employing some 900,000 people from every sector of engineering, manufacturing, engineering construction and technology-based industries.

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