

Lampson International Inc. named Manufacturer of the Year at Smartmap

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Lampson International earned the top honor at the 2011 Smartmap Expo, being named Manufacturer of the Year during the Expo's sports bar-theme networking event.

Neil F. Lampson founded the company in 1946. At the time, it had just two employees. Now the company has 275 employees in U.S. & Canada and boasts annual gross sales of more than \$30 million.

The company was nominated for the honor by the Port of Pasco.

"Lampson is a company that proves that anything can be accomplished with vision, energy and employees," said the Port's nomination form. "They lead the world with innovative manufacturing designs that take into account the needs of the industry. They are also continually building upon their current designs to create safer and more efficient models that have become known and widely used throughout the world."

More than 450 people attended the event, which is organized by the Tri-City Development Council and sponsored by Gesa Credit Union.

The 2011 Gesa Smartmap Expo started Sept. 28 with a tour of TiLite followed by a reception for sponsors and exhibitors.