



Life Saving Connections

MINNESOTA WIRE EAU CLAIRE HONORED BY AMERICAN LEGION

Eau Claire, WI, 2/13/09 – Minnesota Wire's Eau Claire facility has been honored by the Wisconsin State Headquarters of the American Legion as an outstanding "medium-sized" employer of Veterans. The "*Employer of Veterans Award*" recognizes companies that employ between 51 and 200 people, and go out of their way to hire, retain and honor Veterans for their service. The award's citation referenced:

- Minnesota Wire's aggressive hiring practices that seek out Veterans and disabled Veterans for hiring at its own facilities in Eau Claire and St. Paul, and in order to help them network with other employers
- Active support of local and national support programs like the Chippewa Falls Veterans Assistance Center, and the General John W. Vessey Jr. Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army
- Unique events that draw attention to the sacrifice of Veterans and their families, including last November's first annual Veterans Day BBQ that drew hundreds to Minnesota Wire's Eau Claire location

Of the 125 employees at Minnesota Wire's Eau Claire facility, approximately 17% are Veterans. A similar number work in St. Paul at the company's headquarters.

According to Tim Moore of the Eau Claire Office of Veterans Services, "*Minnesota Wire has grown to be recognized by the community and area businesses as a model in employing, honoring, and assisting veterans.*" Mr. Moore nominated Minnesota Wire for the American Legion Award. The nomination package for the state award now goes to the American Legion's headquarters for consideration in the national recognition level award.

Minnesota Wire is a vertically integrated, custom manufacturing and development house for wire, cable and interconnect assemblies to the Medical, Defense, Instrumentation and Telecommunications industries. The company is a market and R&D leader in: electrical signal integrity; mitigating triboelectric effects; radio-translucent wire; and innovative connections for wearable electronics, patient monitoring systems and leading-edge medical devices.