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WMMA® Honors Peter Perez with Baldwin Award of Excellence

June 4, 2008 – Philadelphia, PA – The Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America® (WMMA) honored long-time member Peter Perez, president of Grand Rapids, MI-based Carter Products, a leading manufacturer of industrial and amateur machinery, with the 2008 Ralph B. Baldwin Award of Excellence at the 17th annual Woodworking Industry Conference (WIC) in LaQuinta, Calif. This annual award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the woodworking industry, the Association, their companies and their community.

The presentation speech was given by the 2006 Baldwin Award Winner, Ken Hutton, executive vice president of WMMA, who noted, "Under our winner's direction, his company outgrew its original location and moved operations during a business downturn, despite the business trends. That didn't deter him. New product lines aimed at the stone, solid surface, and home hobbyist woodworking markets were added, and the company's resultant sales spurt justified the expansion."

Perez has served the WMMA as its president, vice president and treasurer. He currently is on the WMMA board of directors. Under his leadership as chairman of WMMA's membership committee, his zeal and passion for the Association were infectious, and the Association dramatically increased its membership. He continues to serve WMMA as chairman of the education and scholarship committee and is a member of the leadership development committee, which helps determine the organization's future leaders.

Nationally, he sits on the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM). Locally in Michigan, he is vice chairman of the Manufacturers Council, which is affiliated with The Right Place, Inc. a regional economic development organization. Just prior to the WIC, the Michigan Manufacturers Association recognized Perez with a special achievement award for exemplary efforts in manufacturing advocacy.

The Ralph B. Baldwin Award of Excellence was the highlight of WMMA's annual business session, held on April 25 during the 2008 WIC, one of the premier national annual conferences organized and attended by members of the wood machinery industry.

The Ralph B. Baldwin Award of Excellence is presented annually. Nominations come from the membership and are voted on by a panel consisting of WMMA officers, past presidents and membership services committee members. This year marks the 25th year that WMMA has bestowed this honor.

About Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America® (WMMA®):

Founded in 1899, the Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America® (WMMA®) is a professional trade association composed of more than 200+ U.S. manufacturers of woodworking equipment, cutting tools, and supplies and whose purpose is to promote the interests of its members serving the woodworking industry. Distributors, suppliers and consultants to the industry also belong to the association as Associate Members. Manufacturer members design, build and sell equipment, tooling, supplies, and components used in the manufacture of all types of wood products. Members' products are used in furniture, door and window, flooring, and kitchen cabinet manufacturing plants; plywood and particleboard mills; lumber mills; shipyards; mobile home and pallet manufacturing plants; home workshops; plus a wide variety of associated wood processing operations. Many members also serve the plastics, stone, composite, laminate, and non-ferrous metals market machining aluminum, brass, copper, and other non-ferrous metals. WMMA® members' equipment is sold worldwide. To learn more about WMMA® visit www.WMMA.org.

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