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Robert J. Marelli, Jr., President & CEO of Seconn Fabrication, was honored at the recent 2008 Small Business Summit in Washington DC, as the 2008 Northeastern Regional finalist in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Blue Ribbon Small Business Awards. From 23 million small businesses nationwide, Seconn was first selected as one of 55 Blue Ribbon Businesses and further honored to represent the seven-state Northeastern region (New England, New York and New Jersey) of the United States at the Small Business Summit.



Pictured here is Rob Marelli, CEO and founder of Seconn Fabrication at the 2008 Small Business Summit in Washington DC, as the 2008 Northeastern Regional finalist in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Blue Ribbon Small Business Awards

“With just the first five years of operation under our belt, Seconn is incredibly honored to be recognized among such a prestigious peer group,” shares Marelli upon his return from the Capitol. “We were able to share our story and our unique mission of “doing whatever it takes” to achieve excellence for our customers and for our employees. Seconn continually invests in leading-edge technology, a skilled and dedicated workforce, and facilities to set new industry standards. While I was just one person at the podium, I accepted this recognition on behalf of the entire Seconn team.”

The Blue Ribbon Small Business Awards honor businesses that demonstrate excellence in a variety of selection criteria, including financial performance and business history, staff training and motivation, community involvement, customer service, and business planning. Seconn Fabrication excelled in every category of the competition.

In particular, the company was noted for its entrepreneurial successes in an industry and region where manufacturers are struggling. In less than five years Seconn has grown from five to 76 employees, from 5,000



square feet to 60,000 square feet and from \$500,000 in sales to \$10 million. plus It is also the youngest company to be named a Regional Finalist this year.

Other distinctions include partnering with local trade and technical schools on an internship program and for recruiting and hiring needs, and participating in the Connecticut's Light and Power Demand Response program, which designates the company as a provider of energy to the community in the event of an emergency.

Seconn's Blue Ribbon Award comes on the heels of the company being named the 2008 Industry Award winner the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association International.

Seconn, which is in the process of doubling its state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Waterford, will be marking it successes with a celebration this fall. For more information visit seconn.com.