

2013 Productivity Achievement Awards



Modern's annual Productivity Achievement Awards honor companies that have made outstanding strides in improving operations through materials handling and related information systems.

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EACH YEAR, *Modern's* Productivity Achievement Awards honor those companies that made outstanding operational improvements through materials handling systems and related information systems. *Modern's* editorial team selects finalists from among the monthly system reports published on *Modern's* cover in the previous year.

Finalists in the Manufacturing and Warehousing/Distribution categories are recognized for their ability to provide outstanding customer service, quickly respond to changing business conditions, deliver orders that meet customer requirements, and improve operations. The Innovation category recognizes a company that successfully employed a solution that defies convention. This year, in addition to achievements in productivity, throughput, or efficiency, winners were also judged on how projects inside the four walls enable or complement the broader business objectives of the company. Three finalists in each category were then passed along to a panel of expert judges.

This year's panel of Productivity Achievement Awards judges includes: George Prest, chief executive officer for Material Handling Industry (MHI); Bryan Jensen, vice president with supply chain consultancy St. Onge; and Frank Quinn, editorial director for *Supply Chain Management Review*.

And the winners are:

Manufacturing

Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky (TMMK)
www.mmh.com/tmmk

Innovation

Preferred Freezer Services
www.mmh.com/preferred

Warehousing & Distribution

MSC Industrial Supply
www.mmh.com/msc

Over the next several pages, you can read an excerpt of the stories each of these companies had to tell.