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### **Carroll Manufacturers Recognized at Regional Manufacturing Institute's Gala**

**Westminster, MD – November 30, 2018** - Four Carroll County manufacturers were among the honored companies and over 600 guests at the [Regional Manufacturing Institute's](#) Champions of Maryland Manufacturing Gala held at Martin's West in Baltimore on November 29th.

The Carroll County Department of Economic Development was recognized as a Bronze sponsor along with [Find Solid Corporation](#) (trading as FISO Door) – the newest manufacturer in Carroll County. CEO Hao Ling attended the gala along with several members of his management team and said, “FISO Door is honored to be recognized as Carroll County's newest manufacturer and we are gearing up for full production of high-end commercial doors in 2019.”

The [Strouse Corporation](#) was recognized in the Growth & Productivity category for their recent growth. President Susan Chambers recently shared, “The Strouse Corporation has achieved a record revenue growth of 58% in the last three years and increased our capacity by 55%. Our strategy to use productivity improvement as a building block to achieve this growth has resulted in a staggering 21% improvement in productivity in last three years.”

In addition, Bill Bartley, President and CEO of [Evapco, Inc.](#) was in attendance and responded as follows to the recognition - “Evapco is delighted to be recognized as a RMI winner in the category of International Business. Our world headquarters in Carroll County, Maryland enables us to draw upon the people and resources in the mid-Atlantic Region as fuel for growing our manufacturing business around the world.”

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[Stanley Black & Decker's](#) Hampstead Powdered Metal Plant was also featured in the Manufacturing Technology/Industry 4.0 category. Plant Manager Ann Fagan said, "Industry 4.0 is transforming manufacturing and companies can either adapt to the new landscape, or they'll be left behind. Our team in Hampstead has worked hard to bring new Industry 4.0 technologies into our facility and we're proud to receive the recognition of these efforts by RMI."

Carroll County Department of Economic Development Director Jack Lyburn shared, "We are very proud of the fact that Carroll County is a leading manufacturing county in the State of Maryland as evidenced by the tremendous growth and expansion of our manufacturing sector over the last two years."

All honored companies are listed in the 2018 Champions of Maryland Manufacturing Yearbook which was given to all gala attendees and distributed to the members of the General Assembly, the media and state educators. Information about the gala can be found [online](#).

**About Carroll County Department of Economic Development**

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