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## **Orion Energy Systems Recognized for Manufacturing Excellence**

### **Energy Efficient Technology and Job Creation Strengthen Economy in Northeast Wisconsin**

MANITOWOC, Wis., Nov 11, 2008 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- The Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, in Green Bay, Wis., named Orion Energy Systems Inc. (Nasdaq:OESX) Manufacturer of Distinction for Industrial Technology during its annual awards dinner on Nov. 6, 2008.

The award is given to recognize a manufacturer in Northeast Wisconsin for cutting-edge technological advancements and excellence in manufacturing. Jim Haney, president of the Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce Association, presented the award to Orion.

Orion Energy Systems Inc. is a leading power technology enterprise that designs, manufactures and deploys energy management systems in commercial and industrial facilities. Orion's technology is deployed in more than 4,000 facilities in North America, including 100 of the Fortune 500 companies, and has resulted in electricity cost savings for its customers of more than \$455 million and a reduction of base and peak load electricity demand by nearly 6 billion kilowatt-hours.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the reduced electricity consumption has prevented more than 4 million tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere.

"Manufacturing is vital to Northeast Wisconsin's economic future," Haney said. "In addition to providing the kind of quality jobs that strengthen Wisconsin's economy, Orion's innovative technologies save companies money and substantially improve our environment."

"We are honored to receive this award," said Neal Verfuert, Orion's president and CEO. "Orion has always believed that bringing manufacturing back is key to a stronger economy on a local, regional and state level. We attribute much of our success to being well-positioned in Wisconsin where the workforce is second to none."

About Orion Energy Systems Inc.

Orion Energy Systems Inc. (Nasdaq:OESX) is a leading power technology enterprise that designs, manufactures and implements energy management systems, consisting primarily of high-performance, energy-efficient lighting systems, controls and related services for commercial and industrial customers without compromising their quantity or quality of light. For more information, visit [www.oriones.com](http://www.oriones.com).

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