

# Manufacturers Page

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**Featured Manufacturer:**  
**Toolcraft Co., Inc.**  
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Germantown, WI

**TOOLCRAFT**  
**CO., INC.**



**Markets Served:** Toolcraft produces stampings, tooling, and precision machined parts that can be found throughout the world. Markets include automotive, agricultural, electrical, marine, mining, outdoor power, power generation, paper, and recreational.

**Description of Product:** Specializes in short-run precision machining and custom tooling. They have extensive experience working with specialty metals called “super alloys” used in heavy duty applications for the mining, energy and defense industries. They are ISO 9001:2000 certified

**Years in Business:** 49 years

**Number of Employees:** Toolcraft employs 40 people.

**Business Model:** Toolcraft was founded by Charles Pfannerstill primarily as a metal stamping tool & die shop. Charles was succeeded by his two sons, Richard and Charles “Chris” Pfannerstill. In the late 1980’s the focus of Toolcraft changed toward short-run precision machining. Stamping and stamping dies became secondary as the machining part of Toolcraft expanded to include several small and large CNC machining and turning centers. In 2000, Kathy Rogers (Pfannerstill) joined the management team and succeeded her father, Chris Pfannerstill, as president in 2008.

**Long Range Plans:** Toolcraft is located in the Germantown Industrial Park in a 37,000 sq. ft. facility. They continue to invest in new equipment to suit their customers growing demand. Recent additions to their capabilities include a 5.1” CNC boring bar, which can hold up to 44,000 lbs. They also upgraded their turning capacity to include two 40” diameter horizontal and one 78” diameter CNC vertical turning center.



**Best Practices:** Living by their mission: To continue prosperous growth through a concerted co-operative effort between employees & management, to produce the highest quality product, and to achieve the highest level of customer satisfaction possible.

# G-TOWN

## Manufacturers Alliance

### Report from the Schools

**BotsIQ Competition at Discovery World** - Germantown High School has two teams participating in BotsIQ April 4th at Discovery World. Mr. Mehring's team, sponsored by Toolcraft, is working on a bot called "Widow Maker v2" which is a totally new and improved evolution of their previous bot. Mr. Rintelman's team, sponsored by KLH Industries, is called "Flipenstein" and it is a bot which incorporates a pneumatic arm intended to flip opponents. Both teams have been working diligently, overcoming obstacles, improving designs, and creating parts. It should be a great competition.

Germantown Manufacturing students engaged in three tours in January. Students had an opportunity to visit Plastic Components, The Laser Shop, and Desert Aire. These tours gave students an opportunity to experience many different processes and manufacturing environments first hand.

GHS Manufacturing students also attended a hands on Construction and Manufacturing program in February at Fox Valley Tech College. Students had an opportunity to see a student built home, as well as the woods design, cabinet making, construction, welding and metal fabrication programs at the Oshkosh campus.

### Economic Development Washington County

*The ED/WC Seminar Series continues with:*

**1) Workforce Solutions in a Challenging Economy** presented by Workforce Development Center and The Threshold on Tuesday, April 21, at Moraine Park Technical College, 8:00am-9:30am. The WIA Summer Work Program and Limited Internship Program will be presented. This 8-week program is a great opportunity for non-profit and for-profit businesses to mentor a young adult through what may be their first work experience. The WDC will also present alternate hiring methods and an overview of services for dislocated workers. The Threshold will show how their services can help businesses with a trained workforce and light manufacturing and fulfillment capabilities. Both WDC and The Threshold will show you ways of meeting your needs while helping our youth and disadvantaged workers, with assistance from the state and federal government.

**2) Worksite Wellness Resource Tool Kit Workshop** presented by Jon Morgan, Department Health Services, Division of Public Health, Bureau of Community Health Promotion, Physical Activity Coordinator. **"Building a Healthy Workforce"** Wednesday, May 20, 9:00am-12:00pm at Washington County PAC Building, 333 E. Washington St., Room 1113 A&B, West Bend. Worksites are an important venue to address nutrition and physical activity issues. The Worksite Wellness Resource Tool Kit is a tool to assist worksites with information on how to implement a broad range of strategies or programming of ways to make a difference in the health of your employees, regardless of the size of your worksite and its available resources. Toolkits will be made available to all participants who register.

For more information about these events, contact Tuti at EDWC, 262-335-5769, [tsaysana@edwc.org](mailto:tsaysana@edwc.org), or visit the website: [www.businessreadywi.org](http://www.businessreadywi.org)

**ED/WC has produced a video to be used to attract business and talent to Washington County.** To view it, visit either the Germantown Chamber website: [www.germantownchamber.org](http://www.germantownchamber.org) and Click on Economic Development/Washington County for the link or go directly to the ED/WC website at: [www.businessreadywi.org](http://www.businessreadywi.org) and click on the community map icon. This video is available to anyone working to promote Washington County. Contact Jack Caldwell or Tuti for more information on how to obtain your copy.

### **Congratulations Plastic Components, Inc.**

Wisconsin injection molder Plastic Components Inc. was a finalist last year, and took home the big hardware this year, when *Plastics News* named it **2008 Processor of the Year**. Plastic Components, Inc. with just 50 employees and \$12.3 million in annual sales, is the 13th company to earn this award.

For the full story, visit [www.plasticsnews.com](http://www.plasticsnews.com)