



## Hypertherm earns Business of the Year honor from Sustainable Hanover

**HANOVER, NH—April 24, 2012—**Hypertherm, a manufacturer of advanced metal cutting products, is a recipient of the Sustainable Hanover Committee's 2012 Business of the Year award, presented Saturday evening at Dartmouth College's Hopkins Center for the Arts. The company was named Business of the Year in the large business category during an award ceremony Saturday evening at Dartmouth College's Hopkins Center for the Arts.

Judges say they were impressed by the comprehensiveness of Hypertherm's program, and the fact that Hypertherm is doing significant work in all ten categories considered by judges. Those categories include recycling and composting programs; energy saving initiatives; the use of renewable energy, efficient vehicles, and cleaner fuels; land stewardship programs; and sourcing from local and environmentally friendly suppliers when possible.

"Our committee was particularly impressed with four distinctive aspects of the Hypertherm sustainability program: (1) the expectation that sustainable practices exist throughout the entire Hypertherm supply chain, (2) the presence of internal teams focused on sustainability, (3) the extensive community service program for employees, and (4) Hypertherm's sustainability dashboard which outlines clear goals and expectations," said Larry Litten of Sustainable Hanover.

"We are grateful for the recognition, but know our work is just beginning and the path ahead is never ending," said Jenny Levy, Hypertherm's director of corporate social responsibility. "We look forward to working together, learning from other like minded organizations, and sharing solutions aimed at protecting the natural resources found in Northern New England and beyond."

Hypertherm designs and manufactures advanced cutting products for use in a variety of industries such as shipbuilding, manufacturing, and automotive repair. Its product line includes handheld and mechanized plasma and laser systems, consumables, as well as CNC motion and height controls and CAM cutting software. Hypertherm systems are trusted for performance and reliability that results in increased productivity and profitability for tens of thousands of businesses. The New Hampshire based company's reputation for metal cutting innovation dates back more than 40 years, to 1968, with Hypertherm's invention of water injection plasma cutting. The associate owned company, consistently named one of the best places to work in America, has more than 1,200 associates along with operations and partner representation worldwide.

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