## ONLINE EXCLUSIVE: M2 Global Receives Texas Manufacturing Star Award

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has recognized M2 Global Technology Ltd. with its Texas Manufacturing Star Award, which was presented to the company by TWC Chairman Tom Pauken last month. The award recognizes the positive impact M2 Global has had on manufacturing in Texas and in the San Antonio community. Since its inception, the company has increased its workforce by 58 percent.



Douglas Carlberg and Patti Meisetchleager happily accepted the Texas Manufacturing Star Award for M2 Global Technology Ltd.

In addition to creating jobs in Texas, M2 Global has been instrumental in hiring veterans. Founder

and CEO Douglas Carlberg, a retired U.S. Army chief warrant officer, initiated a preferred hiring program for veterans when he started the company. Today, more than 25 percent of M2 Global's workforce is composed of veterans. Carlberg, president of the AME Southwest Region and a member of the Board, noted, "Veterans bring a unique set of skills to the job. They are disciplined, hardworking and know the importance of completing a mission."

Pauken said, "We recognize outstanding employers such as M2 Global that work hard to maintain and increase manufacturing jobs in Texas. The company's expansion efforts and partnership with the San Antonio Manufacturing Association and local economic development entities have a positive impact on the state's manufacturing workforce."

Throughout the year, the TWC will present the Texas Manufacturing Star Award to outstanding private-sector employers that contribute to growing the manufacturing base in Texas. Businesses are chosen for the award based on their economic impact on local communities, partnerships with economic development organizations and training providers, and workforce training and development efforts.

"Texas is faring well in manufacturing employment, with more than 847,000 Texans working in manufacturing jobs, including nearly 25,000 jobs added within the past year," Pauken said. "With exports valued at nearly \$160 billion each year, Texas leads the nation in manufacturing exports. For Texas to remain the No. 1 state in America in which to do business, building and maintaining a strong manufacturing sector must be a top priority."

M2 Global Technology is an SBA disabled-veteran-owned, AS9100- and ISO 9000-registered worldwide supplier of radio frequency microwave passive components and value-added services for the defense, telecommunications and aerospace industries. Additional information is available on M2's website, <u>http://www.m2global.com</u>.