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**TM INDUSTRIES WINS 2004 SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

East Berlin, Connecticut, May 26, 2004 – TM Industries Incorporated of East Berlin, Connecticut, has been named the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) 2004 Subcontractor of the Year. The 41-year-old family owned precision machining company was nominated for the award by one of its customers, General Dynamics, Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut. Companies representing ten regions competed for this national award.

"TM Industries is proud of this achievement and we see it as verification of the quality products that we deliver to all of our customers," says Rosemarie Micacci Fischer, CEO of TM Industries. "Since my father Anthony Micacci started the business in a garage in New Britain, Connecticut in 1963, our mission has remained constant: to combine the traditions of honesty and integrity with efficient manufacturing to achieve our goal of total quality. In the past 41 years, we have grown to occupy over 70,000 square feet of office space and employ 80 people at our East Berlin facility. But our commitment to service and quality has never changed."

TM was nominated for the award by one of its long-time customers, Electric Boat, because of their long-standing relationship. "Teamwork at TM is stressed and we constantly remind our employees that 'only customers pay wages,'" says Fischer. "All of our employees are dedicated to delivering a quality product to our customers, and the majority of our employees have over 15 years experience with our company; a full 20-percent have more than 25 years experience. It's this dedication to the company and technical innovation that is reflected in our customer service."

TM was also lauded for its commitment to staying on the leading edge of technology. The company is ISO 9000:2000 and AS 9100 certified and registered, embraces ACE and 6 sigma techniques, and uses a team approach to implement improvement programs. The company has also remained dedicated to updating and expanding its

machine offerings, being able to turn a part up to 18 feet in diameter and mill a part 30 feet long. Equipment is updated annually, with major increases in milling/boring capabilities and 5-axis machining. The company has made over \$4 million of capital improvements happening in just the past three years. Due to this commitment, TM has remained historically ahead of the field with equipment and capability, and currently is among one of the most advanced and flexible precision machine shops in America.

“When my father founded this company, he built it on the idea that teamwork and a family atmosphere would make it successful,” says Fischer. “To this day, he remains our company President, actively involved with our customers on a daily basis. Our state-of-the-art equipment has allowed us to increase our capabilities while allowing us to hold, or even lower, our prices to our customers. Due to our exceptional quality rating, Electric Boat has included us in its ‘delegated source inspection program.’ This happens to only two-percent of Electric Boat’s subcontractors.”

“Small Businesses like TM Industries are our country’s job creators, and when they are awarded government contracts, our entire economy gets a shot in the arm,” says Hector V. Barreto, SBA Administrator. “TM Industries has received this award for its outstanding commitment to meeting and exceeding the federal contracting goals.”

In over 41 years, TM has grown to become a leading precision machining company that competes in some of the most complex markets including marine and vessel, the Space Shuttle Main Engine program, helicopter and aircraft components, power generation and space exploration to name a few. The company is also an FAA Repair Station and has established a reputation of ingenuity for its engineering assistance to clients for experimental design work.

“We are grateful to Electric Boat for showing their appreciation of TM Industries by nominating us for the SBA Award and we thank the SBA for selecting us for this honor,” says Fischer. “This recognition is proof positive of the realization of my father’s vision when he founded this company. Quality and service have always been the cornerstones of TM Industries, and as our company moves into a new decade of

operation, we remain committed to our customers and look forward to finding new ways to exceed their expectations.”

TM Industries, Inc., of East Berlin, Connecticut, is a high-precision machining operation with an industry leading capability portfolio in complex part production. The 41-year-old company specializes in such industries as aerospace, marine, power generation, and defense. The company is ISO 9000:2000 certified and AS 9100 certified and registered, is a FAA repair station, and is a woman owned business. For more information visit www.tmindustries.com or call (860) 828-0344.