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### ACR Electronics Named Winner in Florida Sterling Manufacturing Business Excellence Awards



*Leading safety and survival equipment supplier celebrates second honor of 2018*

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, June 6th, 2018 — Safety and survival specialist ACR Electronics, Inc. has been recognized as one of the highest-performing manufacturers in Florida as a winner at the annual Florida Sterling Manufacturing Business Excellence Award Ceremony.

The Broward County-based company was presented with the top award in the category for companies with up to 199 employees at the 2018 Governor's Sterling Awards Banquet at the JW Marriott Orlando Grande Lakes in Orlando.

It is the second prestigious manufacturing award for ACR Electronics this year after it was named South Florida's Manufacturer of the Year by the South Florida Manufacturers Association (SFMA) in March.

After a collaborative judging process by The Florida Sterling Council and FloridaMakes involving extensive evaluations, site visits and interviews, ACR was selected as the outstanding candidate for its exceptional leadership, strategic planning, customer and market focus, measurement, analysis and knowledge management, workforce and operations. Employees of the marine, outdoor, aviation and military



equipment supplier were also praised for their commitment to saving lives after finishing ahead of fellow finalists Canam Steel Corporation and Seaway Plastics Engineering, LLC.

Representing the company at the ceremony, Gerry Angeli, Executive Vice President at ACR Electronics, said: "We accept this award with great pride with the knowledge that this achievement is only possible with an exceptional team doing exceptional work. I was particularly pleased to hear feedback that a key determinant of our success was how enthusiastic, engaged and involved our employees are about saving lives, so I would like to congratulate all my colleagues.

"This is a unique honor, and we are extremely proud to design and build quality products knowing they are used to save lives right here in Florida for the past 6 decades. Our products must work the first time, every time, and that require strong leadership with a dedication to quality from everyone that works at ACR Electronics.

This year, 27 manufacturing companies were selected from over 120 nominees in six categories based on number of employees. FloridaMakes will feature the finalists in upcoming plant tours, webinars, and events to help share best practices that can benefit Florida's manufacturing sector.

For more information on ACR Electronics and ARTEX beacons and other safety equipment, go to [www.acrartex.com](http://www.acrartex.com).

#### **About ACR Electronics, Inc.**

ACR Electronics, Inc., designs and manufactures a complete line of safety and survival products for the brands ACR, ARTEX, Skytrac, Flight Data Systems, Ocean Signal, United Moulders (UML), and NAL Research. Available products include Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs), Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs), ARTEX Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELTs), Flight Data Monitoring, GADSS, Search and Rescue Transponders (SARTs), Strobe Lights, Life Jacket Lights and Inflators, Boat Search Lights, and other associated safety accessories. ACR's facility Quality Management System (QMS) is certified by TUV USA and is certified in accordance with AS9100C / ISO 9001:2008 standards. Recognized as a world leader in safety and survival technologies for over 60 years, ACR has provided life-saving equipment to the marine, outdoor, aviation industries as well as to various government agencies worldwide. For more information go to [www.ACRARTEX.com](http://www.ACRARTEX.com)

#### **About the Governor's Sterling Award**

Established in 1992, the Florida Sterling Council is a public/private not-for-profit corporation supported by the Executive Office of the Governor. The Council oversees the Governor's Sterling Award for Performance Excellence, presented annually by the Governor to high performing, role-model organizations, both private and public, who demonstrate superior management approaches and role model results. Sterling's Conference teaches participants how to elevate performance and increase productivity. See more at [www.floridasterling.com](http://www.floridasterling.com).

#### **About FloridaMakes**

FloridaMakes is an industry-led public-private partnership established in 2015 to improve the productivity and technological performance of Florida manufacturers and strengthen the state's high-wage manufacturing economy. FloridaMakes is the official representative of the MEP National Network and NIST MEP in the State of Florida and provides services through Florida's existing network of Regional Manufacturers Associations and other partners to support Florida's more than 21,000 manufacturers. Services are customized to meet the needs and opportunities of individual companies. FloridaMakes operates with support from the State of Florida, NIST and Florida's manufacturers. For more information visit [www.floridamakes.com](http://www.floridamakes.com).

