

THE JACKSON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



“To develop and maintain an economic climate, which creates and retains jobs and enhances the quality of life for all citizens of Jackson/Madison County and West Tennessee.”

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Tennalum wins excellence award

Jackson, TN – Tennalum, a Jackson division of Kaiser Aluminum Fabricated Products, LLC, was recently awarded the 2010 Circle of Excellence Award for achieving the best results of all Kaiser Aluminum facilities in safety, customer satisfaction, and financial performance.

“The award means that the plant has been successful in its vision to be the preferred supplier to its customers, the preferred employer to its employees, and the preferred investment to its owners, Kaiser Aluminum,” said Mark Lane, General Manager of Tennalum in Jackson. “This vision was established approximately 20 years ago. “

The award was presented to Lane by Jack Hockema, President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board of Kaiser Aluminum Corporation, on Feb. 25 at the Circle of Excellence Awards dinner at Newport Beach, Calif.

The Tennalum plant currently has 190 full-time Jackson employees, all of whom are salaried. Most of the employees function in high-performing work teams. Teamwork and communication are cornerstones of the plant’s culture, which has led to a stable workforce with low turnover.

The plant, which produces aluminum screw machine stock used primarily in aerospace, automotive, ordnance, and other applications, began operations in Jackson in 1989 and has been successful over the years. The plant has been a member of the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce for more than 20 years.

Tennalum was the first recipient of the chamber’s Pinnacle Award in the Large Industry category in 2008. Other external awards received in the past include the Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing, Industry Week’s Best Plant Award, T.O.P (Top Operating Plant) Award, Tennessee Quality Award, Tennessee Quality Achievement Award. The plant is ISO9001 and AS9100 certified.

For more information about Tennalum and Kaiser Aluminum, visit www.kaiseraluminum.com.

About Tennalum:

Kaiser Aluminum started construction on the Tennalum plant in 1988 in the Madison West Industrial Park. The plant began its first year in operation in 1989 with approximately 65 employees. The facility, which originally consisted of 265,000 square feet, has now grown to over 310,000 square feet. The

plant employs approximately 200 team members including temporary employees. Tennalum is recognized world-wide as a leader in the hard alloy extruded aluminum market. The plant has been successful over the years due to its talented and dedicated employees, most of whom are from Jackson and the surrounding area.

About Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce:

The Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1905 – seven years prior to the United States Chamber of Commerce. The chamber consists of a diverse and talented staff, an executive committee, dedicated volunteers, and more than 1,200 business members – all committed to growing the economy and quality of life for everyone in Madison County and the region. Governed by a board of directors, the chamber is a nonprofit that concentrates its efforts on economic development, which consists of workforce development, job creation, marketing the area to potential employers, developing and enhancing minority and new business partnerships, and the overall promotion of Jackson-Madison County as a great place to work, live, play and do business.

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