



Hypertherm receives Smart Commute Workplace of the Year award

HANOVER, NH—July 17, 2012—Hypertherm, a manufacturer of advanced metal cutting systems, today announced its selection as the *2012 Smart Commute Workplace of the Year* by the Upper Valley Transportation Management Association.

“Hypertherm was chosen from the 20 workplaces participating in the Smart Commute program because of its dedication to sustainability and its success fostering a culture of smart commuting,” said Aaron Brown, director of the Upper Valley TMA. “Judges were really impressed by the number of associates participating in the Smart Commute program and Hypertherm’s advocacy of transit service for employers in Hanover, Lebanon, and surrounding communities.”

The Upper Valley TMA’s mission is to provide leadership and education that will help lesson traffic congestion and reduce reliance on single occupant vehicle commuting. Smart Commute judges included a transit advocate, private transportation consultant, and a former state undersecretary of transportation.

In addition to Hypertherm’s selection as Workplace of the Year, the TMA recognized Joe Broemel of Dartmouth College as its Smart Commute Commuter of the Year; and the Hanover Mobility Hub, a project to improve regional bus transportation, as Sustainable Transportation Project of the Year.

“This award is wonderful recognition for our many associates who are doing their part to reduce their carbon impact . People who share the ride or use public transportation save money, reduce congestion on the road, and help the environment,” said Barbara Couch, Hypertherm vice-president of corporate social responsibility.

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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