

2008 Parts Competition Announcement

If our 2007 parts competition was an indication of technical advancement within our industry, we all should be elated.

The quality of parts submitted was outstanding.

This is building the excitement for 2008 as we will continue to showcase advancements in thermoforming design, innovation and capabilities.

Once again this year we are excited to welcome all thermoforming business that are beyond the immediate circle of SPE to our prestigious competition.

This includes material suppliers, proprietary product manufactures, designers and tool makers, along with custom thermoformers.

We made a concerted effort last year to provide grater media access to part submitters. This enabled each submitter's representative to tell the story of their part and highlight notable features. As a result submitters who may not have received an award were publicized in trade print.

The industry considers the parts competition a key element in the educational efforts of the SPE Thermoforming Division.

This is a direct result of your successful efforts in producing state of the art components.

This years conference again offers the opportunity to showcase your most resent innovations and advances.

History has shown that every part entered deserves recognition, but unfortunately every part does not receive an award. In light of this, each entered submittal will receive a "Certificate of Acknowledgment" from the SPE.

It'll be easy to start thinking now about how to take advantage of this once a year opportunity to showcase your capabilities, research and introduce your firm to and through the press.

Once again we'll use a simplified entry process which will be your first opportunity to describe the innovative part entered.

I'm encouraging you to take a few moments and forward your e-mail address to me at hforward@smi-mfg.com. Once sent, you'll be on the list to receive the necessary, short and easy, instructions to enter the 2007 SPE Thermoforming Division Parts Competition.

Editor's note: Should there be a cross reference to the entry form in the same issue of the Quarterly?

