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## **Local Businesses Receive Michigan Works! Awards**

TRAVERSE CITY, MI –Six companies from the Grand Traverse region received Outstanding Business Awards from Northwest Michigan Works!. The companies were recognized for their success as employers and Michigan Works! partners.

The Outstanding Business Awards were presented to: Armor Express of Central Lake; Magna Interior Trim Components of Benzonia; Lear Corporation of Traverse City; Janco International of Traverse City; Listening Ear Crisis Center of Kalkaska; and Binsfeld Engineering of Maple City. Northwest Michigan Works! has assisted the companies with services including job postings and referrals, job fairs, and the On-the-Job Training program.

The companies received their awards at a September 27 open house at the Career Café located inside the Traverse City Michigan Works! Service Center. The awards were presented by Senators Darwin Booher and Howard Walker, and Representatives Greg MacMaster, Phil Potvin and Wayne Schmidt. Awards were also presented to businesses from Charlevoix, Emmet, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford counties.

More information about Northwest Michigan Works! Business Services is available at:  
[nwm.org/business-services](http://nwm.org/business-services)

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NWMCOG's member counties are: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford.