

PRESS RELEASE

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Hubbardton Forge is once again named one of fastest growing companies in Vermont.

Vermont Business Magazine published its annual 100+ issue naming the top 100 companies in Vermont, along with 5, 10 and 15 year fastest sale growth. Hubbardton Forge appears on many of these lists.

Hubbardton Forge is number 1 of all Vermont companies in the "15-Year Fastest Sales Growth Top Ten Vermont 100+ Companies." In the "10-Year" category, Hubbardton Forge is number 2, following Vermont Pure Holdings. And in the "5-Year" category, Hubbardton Forge is number 5 of all companies, but number 1 of all manufacturing companies.

Because Hubbardton Forge is once again the fastest growing manufacturer in Vermont, the company will be honored at the annual 5 x 5 x 5 Growth Awards to be held in the fall of 2005. It will be the third time in as many years that Hubbardton Forge has been honored, and the second time that the company will receive top honors.

The 5x5x5 Growth Awards celebrates the top 5 fastest-growing Vermont businesses over the last 5 years, in each of 5 categories (Technology, Contracting, Retail, Wholesale, and Manufacturing.) These awards are based on the data gathered by Vermont Business Magazine and published in the Vermont 100 +, an annual ranking of Vermont's top 100+ businesses.