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Local SCORE Volunteer Garners National Award

Tom Finley, member of The Manitowoc Branch of the Green Bay Chapter of SCORE -- Counselors to America's Small Business, was awarded the Platinum Leadership Award by the SCORE National Office as well as a 15 Years of Service Award and Certificate of Appreciation.

The prestigious Platinum Leadership Award is the highest honor that can be given by the association to an individual. The volunteer receiving it has demonstrated meritorious service and has made a significant contribution to SCORE.

Among Tom's accomplishments with SCORE are: managing the Manitowoc Branch office for 15 years, putting in 155 hours of counseling in the last 17 months, and operating the Green Bay Chapter website.

Diane Unger, who assists Tom Finley in operating the Manitowoc Branch was awarded a 5 Years of Service Award and a Certificate of Appreciation for counseling 20 or more hours.

Diana Schultz of the Economic Development Corporation of Manitowoc County was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for counseling 20 or more hours.

About SCORE: SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business" is a nonprofit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

SCORE is headquartered in Herndon, VA and Washington, DC and has 389 chapters throughout the United States and its territories, with 10,500 volunteers nationwide. Both working and retired executives and business owners donate time and expertise as business counselors. SCORE was founded in 1964.

SCORE is America's premier source of free and confidential small business advice for entrepreneurs assisting 8 million businesses since 1964.

About Economic Development Corporation of Manitowoc County: The EDCMC partners with SCORE to bring resources to entrepreneurs in Manitowoc County. Since 2005, 227 entrepreneurial clients have been served through one-on-one counseling and seminars. The Economic Development Corporation of Manitowoc County provides solutions for current as well as potential businesses and entrepreneurs in Manitowoc County, helping take companies to the next level.