

## North America

**Acme Monaco Corporation**, a leading manufacturer of orthodontic hardware, medical guidewires and a Presque Isle, Maine business community fixture since 1989, has been recognized by **Governor Janet Mills** with the state of Maine's 2021 Governor's Award for Business Excellence (GABE).

Awarded annually to outstanding Maine businesses in three categories (Heritage Industry, Rural Revitalization and Innovation), the 2021 Governor's Award for Business Excellence was recently presented to Acme Monaco via Zoom by Governor Mills and Maine Department of Economic and Business Development Commissioner Heather Johnson. Acme Monaco was cited in the Heritage Industry category (excellence in the forest industry, manufacturing sector or marine economy), joining fellow awardees **Ware-Butler Building Supply** (Rural Revitalization) and **ReVision Energy** (Innovation).



Acme Monaco CEO Michael Karabin (center) is joined by Co-Presidents Lucas Karabin (left) and Rebecca Karabin-Ahern at the company's Presque Isle, Maine plant. The company was presented with Maine's Governor's Award for Business Excellence.

"These extraordinary businesses continue to meet the challenges of the pandemic with innovation and ingenuity, adapting to meet the needs of Maine people. Every day they provide good paying, rewarding jobs that keep people here in Maine and attract talented people to our state," said Governor Mills. "As we continue our work to strengthen Maine's economy and make Maine more competitive across the world, these businesses are a critical part of our effort. I congratulate them on this well-deserved honor."

"The Karabin Family and Acme Monaco Presque Isle team sincerely appreciate this special recognition by Governor Mills, and we are humbled by being honored with the Governor's Award for Business Excellence," said Acme Monaco co-president **Rebecca Karabin-Ahern**. "Our people make our company great, and our employees — the best in the industry — are the bedrock upon which this award is based. We look forward to continuing to make life-saving catheter guidewires and beautiful smiles here in Maine for years to come."

Located in the Skyway Industrial Park in Presque Isle and headquartered in New Britain, Connecticut, Acme Monaco manufactures the largest number of orthodontic wires in the world at its 16,300-square-foot Presque Isle plant, which boasts a 3,000-square-foot, Class 100,000 cleanroom for catheter guidewire production. The company, which employs 52 in Presque Isle and is actively hiring on all shifts to add 15 more positions to meet worldwide demand, is Food and Drug Administration registered, along with ISO 9001 and EN ISO 13485.



Bill Krauss

**Vulcan Spring & Mfg. Co.** has announced the promotion of **Bill Krauss** to president. A 37-year veteran of the spring industry, the past 25 of which were spent with Vulcan, Krauss previously held the position of chief operating officer.

"After working together with Bill for many years to build Vulcan into the premier flat steel spring manufacturer in the industry, it was clear that it was time to entrust Bill to lead the team into the future," stated **Scott Rankin**, who now becomes chairman of the board. He added, "Bill is a man of extreme integrity, and I'm certain he will succeed in implementing our aggressive growth strategy."

"I am very honored to succeed Scott Rankin as president of Vulcan, and excited to lead the charge toward continued growth and success. With the team we have assembled and continue to build upon, I am confident that Vulcan will become an even stronger force in our industry," stated Krauss.

As a result of this change, **Glenn Stewart** (chief financial officer), **Dave Frederick** (vice president of operations), and **Paul Jarossy** (vice president of sales and marketing) will now report directly to Krauss.