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## **Orion Energy Systems Named Manitowoc County Industry of the Year**

The Manitowoc County Chamber of Commerce named Orion Energy Systems (NASDAQ: OESX) Industry of the Year during an annual “Celebration of Champions” dinner on February 5, 2008. The award is given to recognize a Manitowoc County industry for its success, innovation and contribution to Manitowoc and the surrounding community during 2007. The award was presented by Tom Musial of The Manitowoc Company (NYSE: MTW), recipient of the award in 2006.

Orion is a leading power technology enterprise that designs, manufactures and implements energy management systems consisting primarily of high-performance, energy efficient lighting systems, controls and related services for commercial and industrial facilities throughout the United States. Orion’s innovative technology platform delivers sustainable energy savings and efficiency gains to its customers, reducing lighting-related electricity costs by approximately 50%, while increasing the quantity of light by approximately 50% and improving lighting quality when compared to the legacy high intensity discharge fixture.

The use of Orion’s technology and services has resulted in cumulative electricity cost savings for its customers of approximately \$304 million and a reduction of base and peak load electricity demand by approximately 304 megawatts, through December 31, 2007. Orion estimates that this reduced electricity consumption has prevented 3.9 million tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere, and has reduced indirect sodium oxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) emissions by 16,781 tons, nitrous oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions by 8,093 tons and mercury by 146 pounds. Such reductions are the environmental equivalent of saving 327 million gallons of gasoline or 7.8 million barrels of fuel oil each year. It is also the air scrubbing equivalent of a 726,180-acre forest or taking 639,166 cars from the road.

The Company was selected for the Industry of the Year award based on these substantial cost savings and environmental benefits in addition to job creation, validations from governmental and industry organizations, and community support.

Orion CEO and President, Neal Verfuert addressed an audience of about 350 at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc, WI. “We are proving that Orion and other Manitowoc County industries can make significant contributions to our communities, the environment and the economy worldwide.”