

TOM'S REMARKS ON ACCEPTING THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

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Thank you, Governor Baldacci. Lie-Nielsen Toolworks is proud to be recognized by the State of Maine.

Also, Thank you to my patient wife Karyn, my daughter Kirsten, and the Toolworks employees who have helped create our company. Tim Rickard, Sarah Ewing, Erika Johnston and Patrick Jackson are with us today.

Lie-Nielsen Toolworks does not sell woodworking tools, we sell Quality. To succeed, We have had to learn to go our own way. We have found that the best quality is right here in Maine.

Far from out-sourcing all our jobs to Asia, for the cheapest price and short term profit, a practice that has nearly ruined our national manufacturing economy, we are stubbornly local. For example, We work with excellent foundries in Maine, and New Hampshire. We source much of our wood from top Maine sawyers - Cherry, Maple and hornbeam - hornbeam, a waste species we have helped create a local market for. And, we make almost everything else the old-fashioned way at our shop in Warren.

Come visit us if you would like to take a look at MY vision for the future of our unique State.

Thank you.