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Patty Van Ryzin Named Woman Manager of the Year
— *Bassett Mechanical HR professional recognized as industry leader* —

Kaukauna, Wis. (April 8, 2009) — Patty Van Ryzin, vice president of human resources at Bassett Mechanical, has been named the 2009 Woman Manager of the Year by the Fox Cities Chapter of Women in Management Inc. This prestigious award recognizes her leadership within Bassett Mechanical and contributions and service to the community.

Van Ryzin has worked at Bassett since May of 1990 when she was hired as an executive assistant to then president and owner William Bassett. She quickly demonstrated her knowledge and abilities in many areas within the company. She was promoted to a human resources manager role. In 2004, Van Ryzin was appointed vice president–human resources and became a member of the Bassett Board of Directors. Today she plays an active role in the strategic direction of the company as a whole.

“Patty has played a key role in Bassett Mechanical’s growth,” says Kim Bassett-Heitzmann, president and chief operating officer. “The company has more than doubled the number of employees since she began with us. She has been a leader in effectively recruiting, developing and retaining a large employee base of technical and professional personnel. Her dedication, reliability and commitment are exceptional. Simply put, she is one of our greatest assets.”

In part, Van Ryzin received the award because of her active involvement in a number of community organizations, including the Society of Human Resource Management, the Mechanical Contractors Association of North Central Wisconsin Negotiating Committee,

the Fox River Area Girl Scout Council (former president), the TESLA Engineering Charter School (chairperson), and The Women's Fund. She is also active in the fundraising and other efforts of Harbor House, United Way, and The Community Foundation, and in the fund raising effort for the Emergency Shelter of the Fox Cities.

Bassett Mechanical employs 340 individuals. In addition to its capabilities in construction, custom specialty fabrication, service and preventive maintenance, Bassett is dedicated to helping its clients develop planet-friendly solutions for high-performance buildings.

Note: Photo of Patty Van Ryzin available.

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Bassett Mechanical, based in Northeast Wisconsin, with offices in the Milwaukee and Madison areas, is a mechanical contractor specializing in custom specialty metal fabrication, industrial refrigeration, mechanical systems, HVAC, industrial ventilation, plumbing and piping, service and preventive maintenance. For more information, call (920) 759-2500, or on the Internet: www.bassettmechanical.com.

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