

Coghlin Companies Executive Recognized for Philanthropic Achievements and Contributions

James Coghlin Sr. receives the 2008 American Heart Association Heart of Gold and Worcester Telegram & Gazette Isaiah Thomas Award

WORCESTER, Mass. – March 12, 2009 – Coghlin Companies, Inc., a privately held manufacturing firm specializing in manufacturing, creative design and engineering solutions, today announced its Chairman and Coach, James Coghlin Sr., was recently honored with the Isaiah Thomas Award and the 2008 Heart of Gold—the highest honor given by the American Heart Association. Coghlin received both awards last month for his contributions to the community and his participation in philanthropic organizations.

The Heart of Gold is awarded to the volunteer who has rendered the most distinguished service in advancing the objectives of the American Heart Association and its programs. The Isaiah Thomas Award, presented by the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* and named after the American patriot printer, and Worcester's first great citizen, recognizes the resident of Central Massachusetts who has made an outstanding contribution to society during the year or for services donated over a period of time.

"It is a true privilege to receive these two prestigious awards," said James Coghlin Sr. "Giving back to the community is something I've always been passionate about. It truly is a rewarding experience to work with such devoted people throughout the years and I feel honored to be involved with organizations that work to make a difference for the future."

Coghlin is actively involved with numerous community organizations including: the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and its Mark R. Ungerer Memorial Golf Tournament, the United Way, and the Nativity School of Worcester. In 1992, Coghlin's peers recognized him as an industry leader and visionary with the *Electrical Wholesaling Magazine's* Distinguished Service Award. He also received the 2003 Ken Thompson Alumni Service Award from his alma mater Nichols College.

In addition to his involvement in numerous charity organizations, Coghlin sits on the Board of Trustees for Nichols College and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Norwalk, Connecticut-based travel company, Tauck Inc. Coghlin co-founded the Western New England Chapter of the Young Presidents' Organization and previously served as chairman for the Humanitarian Society of the United Way of Central Massachusetts.

About Coghlin Companies, Inc.

Coghlin Companies, Inc. is a privately held company in Worcester, Massachusetts, spanning four generations for over 120 years. Subsidiaries include: Columbia Tech, which provides turnkey manufacturing services to a diverse customer base, including OEM's in the telecommunication, semiconductor, machine tool, medical device, analytical, data storage, and networking industries; and DCI Engineering, which is an engineering services company; Coghlin Precision, a precision machining and certified

welding company; and most recently established Cogmedix, an FDA compliant medical and clinical device contract manufacturer. For more information, please visit our web site at www.coghlincompanies.com.