



## OGIHARA AMERICA CORPORATION

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## Ogihara America Corporation Wins Energy Savings Project of the Year Award

Howell, MI – May 11, 2010 – Ogihara America Corporation, a Thai Summit Group company, has been chosen as the winner of the 2010 Energy Saving Commercial Project of the Year presented by DTE Energy and The Engineering Society of Detroit. This award recognizes a company that has made the most effective contribution in reducing energy by implementing a significant project through “hard” equipment or technology that was installed in 2009.

Ogihara America’s winning project was for the installation of a remote laser welding cell for the upper door of a two piece door assembly. Traditional resistance welding methods for automotive sheet metal joining consume electricity at an alarming rate. A spot weld for example, consumes over 70,000 watts of electricity per second. A remote laser weld consumes approximately 94% less electricity to produce a weld as compared to a traditional spot weld.



Ogihara America is dedicated to energy conservation and utilizes continual improvement projects to lower energy usage and overhead costs. Just this year another remote laser cell was installed bringing the total number of cells to five.

Janet Bottesi, Sales Engineer and Diversification Team Leader, accepted the award on behalf of all Ogihara America associates on Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Energy Conference and Exhibition at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

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### About Ogihara America Corporation:

Ogihara America Corporation has been a leader in the sheet metal stamping industry for over twenty years. From our facility in Howell, Michigan we provide our customers with world-class engineering, stamping and assembly capabilities as well as tool and die design, construction, modification and refurbishment. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.ogihara.com>. Contact Information: Janet Bottesi, Sales Engineer, (517) 548-6032, <mailto:sales@ogihara.com>.

### About Thai Summit Group:

Thai Summit Group is one of the major part manufacturers in Thailand for the automotive, motorcycle, appliance and agricultural machinery industries. The group is comprised of over 30 companies with production capabilities including stamping, assembly, plastic injection/blow molding, aluminum die-casting, wire harness, chassis, assembly jigs and stamping tooling. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.thaisummit.co.th>. Contact Information: Prapat Chalernvanichakorn, General Manager Marketing, 66 (0) 2325-8000 Ext: 345, <mailto:prapat.cha@thaisummit.co.th>.

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