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**New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan Honors Long-Serving
GSM Employee During Visit to Manchester Company Headquarters**
Gene Sullivan Recognized for 55 Years of Continuous Service to Manufacturing Company

MANCHESTER, NH (August 27, 2014) – New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan recently toured Granite State Manufacturing (GSM), a local contract manufacturer serving both military and commercial markets. Located on the west side of Manchester, NH, GSM employs approximately 150 professional, technical, and manufacturing personnel.

During her visit, Governor Hassan toured GSM's 80,000 square foot facility and observed how the company manufactures complex systems in the fields of precision machining, welding and fabrication, electronics, mechanical and electromechanical assembly, painting and finishing, and systems testing. GSM works with a variety of companies to manufacture unmanned ground vehicles, unmanned underwater vehicles, mast mounted antenna systems, medical capital equipment, semiconductor capital components, and other complex systems.

Governor Hassan saw firsthand the innovative robotics and testing equipment GSM is developing through their new Equipois program. In 2013, GSM acquired the assets of Equipois, Inc., the award-winning developer of zeroG® and X-Ar™ exoskeletal arm technologies. This acquisition has allowed GSM to utilize its precision manufacturing capabilities and robotics expertise to expand the market for Equipois products. The United States Naval Sea Command (NAVSEA) has utilized this technology to create the "Iron Man" exoskeleton to simplify labor-intensive naval maintenance.



At the conclusion of the tour, Governor Hassan met with Gene Sullivan, who has recently retired from GSM after 55 years of continuous employment with the company. Sullivan received a special citation from the Governor commemorating his many years of service.

Governor Hassan said, "Granite State Manufacturing is a strong manufacturing leader in the State of New Hampshire, as evidenced by Gene Sullivan's long service to the company. The State of New Hampshire is fortunate to have Gene in the community and grateful for his commitment. On behalf of the citizens of New Hampshire, I join with my fellow citizens in extending my personal best wishes and sincerest congratulations for his hard work and a job well done."

ABOUT GRANITE STATE MANUFACTURING

Founded in Manchester, New Hampshire in 1938, Granite State Manufacturing is a highly specialized organization, combining value engineering, program management and in-house, state-of-the-art production facilities. Granite State Manufacturing offers the military, semi-conductor and pharmaceutical industries a full range of manufacturing services including precision machining, metal fabrication, welding, soldering, mechanical assembly, electrical assembly and testing.

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