

Ford honors local business

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LOCAL BUSINESS: Chris Twining, Continental Structural Plastics operations vice president, accepting a quality certification award Thursday from Natalie Pohlman, site supplier technical assistant for Ford Motor Company.

Local automotive supplies gets 'Preferred Quality Status'

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Continental Structural Plastics received a 'Preferred Quality Status' award Thursday from Ford Motor Company. During the celebration, employees gathered at the business for a flag raising ceremony where they raised the Ford flag.

CSP is an automotive composite molder supplier that builds body panels and truck boxes for auto makers in North America such as Ford, General Motors and Chrysler. The award recognizes suppliers who have successfully implemented

Ford's quality management system and distinguishes CSP as a preferred supplier.

Natalie Pohlman, site supplier technical assistant for Ford Motor Company, presented the award during a ceremony to Chris Twining, CSP operations vice president.

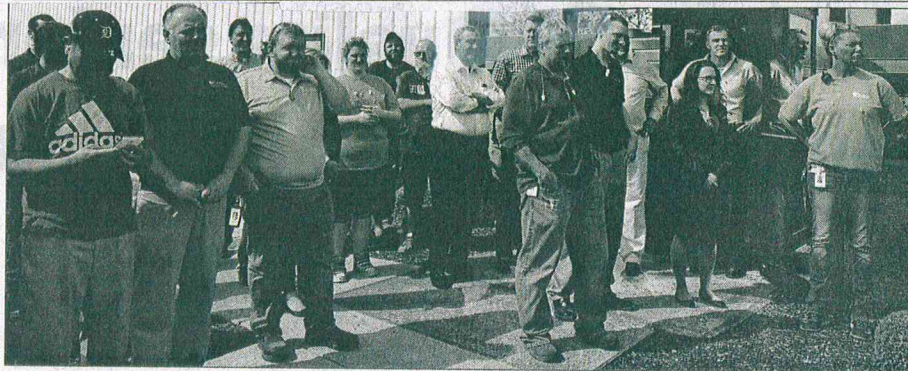
"Over the past six years CSP has worked hard to accomplish this award through dedication and leadership," Pohlman said.

Twining said the award that CSP received is in accordance to the company's



COMMUNITY PROJECT: Continental Structural Plastics employees raise a Ford Motor Company flag during a ceremony Thursday at CSP. From left, Karen Williams, Landell Tipple, Steve Sharp and Tina Reiffert.

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IN ATTENDANCE: Continental Structural Plastics employees attend a flag raising and award ceremony on Thursday.

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goal of raising standards and to have a beneficial presence in its local community.

"Ford is a business we are

looking to grow within the Huntington facility and we are currently a General Motors factory here," he said. "(We) build 80 percent of the body panels for Corvettes in this facility."

The award also emphasizes the dedication of employ-

ees and customers that are helping grow the business.

"This award shows the employees that they are vested in this as well because it's not just a one-sided award," Twining said.

Karen Williams, a CSP employee for 6 1/2 years,

said the award was a long time coming and took a lot of work to get there.

"I am thrilled that we have finally received the award and it has taken employees working together and is a great place to work," Williams said.