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## **SPE THERMOFORMING DIVISION ANNOUNCES CALL FOR ENTRIES IN ANNUAL PARTS COMPETITION**

CAROL STREAM, IL, U.S.A., July 23, 2018: The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) Thermoforming Division has announced a call for entries in its annual Parts Competition, showcasing the latest advances in thermoforming design and application. The submission deadline is *August 31, 2018*.

The parts entered in the Competition will be on display during the 26<sup>th</sup> SPE Thermoforming Conference<sup>®</sup>, which will be held September 24-26 at the Fort Worth Convention Center, in Fort Worth, Texas. Awards for winning parts will be presented at the SPE Thermoforming Awards Dinner on Tuesday, September 25, at AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys.

Competition entrants may submit parts in several categories, depending on the type of thermoforming operation:

- **Roll-fed** categories are Industrial, Medical, or Food.
- **Heavy-gauge** categories are Vacuum Form, Pressure Form, and two new categories: Twin Sheet and TPO.
- **Combined.** Entrants may submit parts that are comprised of recycled material (minimum 40% recycled content), offer value-added assembly features, or exhibit innovative characteristics.

“Product innovation is a key theme in the planning of the 2018 conference,” said Steve Clark, SPE Thermoforming Parts Competition Chair. “We are seeking parts that will promote the industry’s commitment to expanding the versatility of the thermoforming process to make new and exciting applications possible.”

Guidelines for Competition entrants and the required product entry form are posted online at <http://thermoformingdivision.com/parts-competition/guidelinesentry-form/>. All product images and descriptions must be emailed to Steve Clark at [sclark@monark-equip.com](mailto:sclark@monark-equip.com) by the August 31 deadline.

Full information on the Parts Competition and the Thermoforming Conference is available at <http://thermoformingdivision.com> or by contacting Lesley Kyle at 1-914-671-9524 or [lesley@openmindworks.com](mailto:lesley@openmindworks.com).

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