

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Bolger & O'Hearn named 2020 Manufacturer of the Year by Rep. Alan Silvia on behalf of the Massachusetts Commonwealth's Legislature, House/Senate Manufacturing Caucus

Announcement ceremony to be held Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020 at 11 am; 47 Slade Street Fall River, MA.

(Fall River, MA, Oct. 6, 2020....) There's an old saying that success is when preparation and opportunity meet. That's true, but in 2020, preparation also put Bolger & O'Hearn in a position to help New England front line workers fight the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

Since March of this year, Bolger & O'Hearn has donated thousands of gallons of hand sanitizer to hospitals and community organizations in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, including Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital, the Lifespan Health System in Rhode Island and the city of Fall River. Recognizing the immediate need for life-protecting hand sanitizer, Bolger & O'Hearn tapped their supply chain for the ingredients and converted part of their manufacturing operations to support delivery.

Bolger & O'Hearn also diverted business operations at the beginning of the pandemic to supply high-powered, durable water repellent (DWR) technologies to medical PPE manufacturers to make thousands of urgently needed hospital medical gowns.

In response to Bolger & O'Hearn's early and ongoing actions supporting the region and the US textile industry, the company has been named "2020 Manufacturer of the Year" on behalf of the Fall River, Massachusetts, legislative district by House Representative Alan Silvia on behalf of the Massachusetts' legislature's House/Senate Manufacturing Caucus.

Rep. Alan Silvia will make the official announcement of this award Oct 6, 2020 at 11 am at B&O's Fall River facility at 47 Slade Street.

The official announcement will take place in the B&O Board Room, followed by a tour of B&O's R&D Lab and manufacturing facilities.

The media is invited to attend.

Their ability to respond quickly was the product of more than 50 years of operations in New England and a decade of revolutionary work developing Stormproof/Breathable durable water repellents for the sportswear industry and US military.

Bolger & O’Hearn had -- over the previous ten years -- invested heavily in the development of high-performance water and stain repellent finishes. This includes Altopel F3®, a fluorine-free water repellent, and OmniBloq® -- an all-purpose oil, water and stain repellent. In addition, they had been expanding their line of specialty textile coatings and adhesives technologies used in the manufacture of medical equipment.

Those chemistries are needed to manufacture Levels 1,2, and 3 FDA-approved medical PPE.

Contact Glenna Musante at 919.04.7213 or glenna@musantecommunicaitons.com, for further information about today’s visit from Rep. Silvia.

A formal statewide event and announcement will be hosted by the Commonwealth Legislature’s Manufacturing Caucus during a virtual presentation on Oct. 27 from the state house. Additional information about that event will be forthcoming.

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Bolger & O’Hearn

Since its founding in 1969, Bolger and O’Hearn has been selling uniquely efficient and consistently high-quality chemicals. Its personalized service approach has been the pillar of its success. From its traditional beginnings in the textile industry, B&O has expanded into paper coatings, non-wovens and other non-textile manufactured products, all of which find applications in a wide range of industries. Today its diverse and comprehensive product line – totaling over 2,500 products – is sold and distributed globally. Committed to a zero-carbon future, B&O currently produces its products using renewable energy. The solar voltaic array on its facilities allow it to displace more than 100,000 pounds of carbon each year. B&O is also a bluesign® System Partner. To learn more, go to bolgerohearn.com.

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