

Bob Bechtold is the president and founder of Harbec Plastics, Inc., a progressive injection molding company located in upstate New York, which provides a full service of precision model and mold making, complex plastic injection molding and precision machined component parts and subassemblies. His company believes strongly in the value of Eco-Economics and during the past two decades he has developed an energy management strategy that includes a cogeneration project which currently provides a portion of their electricity, heat, and air-conditioning requirements, in conjunction with two on-site wind turbines.

During the same period, Harbec has attained ISO 9001, AS-9100, and ISO-13485 certifications for quality control and assurance, and ISO 14000 certification to demonstrate environmental responsibility. They attained ISO 50001/SEP Platinum certification in 2013 to validate their carbon neutral status and in 2015 their water neutral status through annual third party audits. .

In 2002, Harbec was awarded the EPA Energy Star for Small Business, in 2003 it received the Society of Plastic Engineers' Environmental Stewardship Award, in 2004 the EPA/DOE Green Power Leadership Award, in 2006 NYS Water Environment Assoc. presented to Harbec their Industrial Pollution Prevention Award, and in 2007 they received the NY State Industrial Achievement Award from NYWEA. In 2011 the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) awarded Harbec the National Award for Innovation in Sustainable Manufacturing and in 2012 they received the Manufacturing Leadership Award for Sustainability. They are also a DOE's Better Buildings - Better Plants, Challenge Partner.