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## **Mohawk Fabric Company, Inc. Wins SBA Small Business Excellence Award**

**AMSTERDAM-** Local business Mohawk Fabric Company, Inc. was honored last Monday with an SBA Small Business Excellence Award at the Desmond Hotel in Albany. The U.S. Small Business Administration and the New York Business Development Corporation (NYBDC) hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> annual luncheon to recognize the achievements of local small businesses. The NYS Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at University of Albany nominated Mohawk Fabric Company, Inc. for the award.

For 89 years, Mohawk Fabric Company has been knitting the newest innovations in textiles. The company has created specialty fabrics made of silk, cotton, nylon, polyester, rayon, nomex, dacron, and Carbon fibers for the aerospace, apparel, automotive, home decor, and medical industries. The Mohawk Fabric Company customer list includes notable companies, such as General Electric, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, and NASA. The company is in the process of expanding the facility with a new 14,000 square-foot building and bringing in new textile technologies and capabilities. Mohawk Fabric Company is a veteran-owned manufacturer; Dominic Wade served two tours of Iraq with the U.S. Army Military Police.

“I would like to thank SBDC Director Brigham for this honor and nomination. I’d also like to thank my employees for their decades of support to the family business. I’d like to thank my father-in-law and silent partner, Greg Needham, who not only approved me to marry his only child, but also had the confidence in me to entrust his second love which was his business,” Dominic Wade said as he accepted the Excellence Award in front of 260 luncheon attendees.

Small businesses are selected for the Excellence Awards based on their company’s longevity, innovation, sales growth, increased employment, ability to overcome adversity or community contributions.