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## **Didion Milling Recognized for Excellence in Computerized Maintenance Management Systems**

**CAMBRIA, Wis., Oct. 22, 2013** – Didion Milling received the 2013 MAPCON Outstanding Achievement Award at the annual MAPCON Users’ Group Conference on Sept. 23 in West Des Moines, Iowa. The award recognizes innovative companies using MAPCON software to drive efficiency and continuous improvement in operations.

MAPCON is an industry-leading computer maintenance management system (CMMS). It is used by organizations to plan and manage maintenance work, keep accurate inventory, schedule preventative maintenance, store equipment information, schedule labor and improve overall operational efficiency by reducing downtime.

“We’ve revolutionized the way we look at maintenance,” said Mike Ensley, CMMS administrator for Didion Milling and presentations coordinator for this year’s MAPCON Users’ Group Conference. “We’re recording real-time information, stocking smarter, using reports to plan better and maximizing plant uptime through the use of planned preventative maintenance.”

Didion Milling began implementing MAPCON software at its ethanol plant in 2010. Since then, more than 10,000 pieces of equipment have been integrated into the system and it is used both at the ethanol plant and the dry corn mill.

“MAPCON software has been installed at thousands of locations all over the world, but few have the determination and laser-like focus to accomplish specific goals with their maintenance software as Didion has demonstrated,” said Joel Tesdall, president and chief executive officer at MAPCON Technologies, Inc. “Didion has been able to chart where they came from, where they are and where they want to go in terms of maintenance cost and efficiency. It is an honor to have a partner that has achieved this level of excellence in such a short time.”

The speed of software implementation was a key reason Didion Milling was recognized by the MAPCON Users’ Group. Approximately 90% of Didion Milling’s maintenance technicians actively use

Didion Milling Recognized for Excellence in Computerized Maintenance Management Systems, 2 MAPCON to manage purchasing as well as environmental and safety preventative maintenance. It is also used for high-level reporting to track progress against goals.

Since Didion Milling implemented the system at its ethanol plant, there has been a 96% increase in preventative maintenance resulting in an 88% reduction in emergency work orders. The diagnosis of problems on a predictive and preventative basis has both increased uptime by 9%, and reduced maintenance costs by more than 15%.

“We have very aggressive company goals, and MAPCON has been a key factor in helping us achieve them,” said Luke Burmeister, Chief Financial Officer at Didion Milling. “Our facilities are becoming more efficient and we’re delivering on our commitment to personnel safety, food safety and environmental stewardship.”

The MAPCON Outstanding Achievement Award was established in 2001. Honorees are selected by a panel of industry peers and MAPCON staff. Didion joins the ranks of past award winners such as Novozymes, Inc. (2001), City of Omaha (2002), US Foundry (in 2006), University of Pennsylvania (2008), Associated Packaging (2010) and Kenworth Truck Co. (2012).

### **About Didion**

*Didion Milling is a family-owned agricultural processing business located in the heartland of Wisconsin. For more than 40 years, Didion has been storing, milling, fermenting and transporting corn products. Didion’s growing portfolio of value-added corn products includes meals, grits, brans, pregelatinized flour and whole grain flour. To learn more, visit [didionmilling.com](http://didionmilling.com).*

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