



## **Middleby Marshall Receives 2018 Governors Export Award**

Elgin, Ill. (June 14, 2018) – Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti and the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) announced Middleby Marshall as recipient of the 2018 Governor’s Export Award during a ceremony on May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Union League Club of Chicago. The Governor’s Export Awards are Illinois’ highest recognition of export achievement, honoring Illinois companies that have demonstrated excellence in exporting, as well as organizations that provide export assistance.

“We are thrilled to be recognized with this honor from the Lt. Governor and the Illinois DCEO,” said Mark Sieron, President of Middleby Marshall. “We are proud to be a leader in the Illinois export industry. To be able to contribute to the fifth highest exporting state in the United States is an honor. Without so many great customers expanding all over the world we would not be receiving this award.

This marks the second time Middleby Marshall has received a Governor’s Export Award under the category “Export Continuing Excellence”, as the company was a recipient of the honor in 2001 as well. According to the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, \$65 billion worth of Illinois manufactured products were sold all around the world. Illinois’ exporting growth outpaced the national average by nearly 31 percent.

Middleby Marshall is the world leader in conveyor ovens and manufactures the WOW! Oven, the fastest and most energy saving conveyor oven in the world. Middleby Marshall, based in Elgin, Ill., is a division of The Middleby Corporation a world leader in the commercial and residential kitchen and food processing. For more information on Middleby Marshall and the WOW! Ovens please visit [www.middleby-marshall.com](http://www.middleby-marshall.com) or contact Jake Flota – [jflota@middleby.com](mailto:jflota@middleby.com)