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**ABOUT MTEC SMARTZONE**

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**ABOUT THE MEDC**

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) is the State of Michigan's one-stop resource for businesses seeking to grow in Michigan. Whether it's an expansion, a relocation, or even a concern with another agency of state government, the MEDC can help. From site location assistance to job training grants, from help with permits to tax abatements, we're the state's economic development corporation. More information is available at [www.themedc.org](http://www.themedc.org).

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# GS Engineering receives the 2010 Government Contractor of the Year Award

HOUGHTON, MI - Michigan's 50 Companies to Watch is an award program that honors second-stage companies headquartered in the state of Michigan. The Award recipients demonstrate a high performance in the marketplace and exhibit innovation. Collectively, companies sharing this recognition make an astonishing impact on Michigan's economy by providing thousands of jobs and contributing millions of dollars.

GS Engineering (GSE) was recognized by Michigan Celebrates Small Business (MCSB) as one of Michigan's 50 Companies to Watch in 2005. Since that time MCSB has kept a close eye on their successes and recently awarded them the 2010 Government Contractor of the Year.

"We knew we were doing good work for the government and prime contractors," said Glen Simula, President of GSE. "This confirms our belief, giving us a stamp of approval."

Simula has been receiving government contracts for many years, since first beginning his work with the U.S. Military in 2002. "Last fall we received our largest government contract yet, a five year contract for engineering services," Simula said. "Small contracts are six months for the government, normal contracts are around two years, and ours is for five."

GS Engineering is a true entrepreneurial success story. In 2001, they set out to realize its goal of solving commercial and military engineering problems. Their office has grown from three and has developed into a prosperous company of 60 full-time employees, a research facility and a 420 acre customizable test course. The GSE client roster includes the Department of Energy, Department of Defense, leading vehicle manufacturers, and material development companies.

