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## **International industry organization recognizes founding family of Dot Foods**

MT. STERLING, ILLINOIS, December 10, 2007 – The International Foodservice Manufacturers Association (IFMA) recently announced the Tracy Family, Dot Foods' founding family, as the winners of the IFMA Distinguished Industry Achievement Award.

The award honors an individual or individuals who have contributed to the growth and development of foodservice distribution through enlightened leadership and innovative management.

"The Tracy Family has exhibited a strong commitment to overall industry collaboration and excellence and has shown a high level of support for industry best practices," IFMA said in a released statement.

IFMA presented the award at its annual President's Conference on November 13 in Indian Wells, Calif.

"We are excited and humbled by this award and thank IFMA for this honor. To be recognized by the award panel of experts that represent the manufacturer and distribution communities, which are our suppliers and customers, is further validation of our concept and the value of our program to

the food supply chain," said John Tracy, president/CEO of Dot Foods, Inc. "The Tracy Family accepts this award on behalf of all the Dot employees nationwide, as this is a tribute to what the entire organization has accomplished."

Founded in 1960 by Robert "R.T." Tracy, Dot Foods has grown into the nation's leading food redistributor. Dot distributes foodservice, convenience, retail, vending and equipment and supplies to food distributors in all 50 states.

Dot has grown quickly over the past 20 years, doubling in size almost every five years. The company employs more than 3,000 people nationwide, and offers positions in supply chain management, warehousing, transportation, sales, marketing and information technology.

In addition to its headquarters in Mt. Sterling, Dot Foods also has distribution centers in Modesto, Calif.; Vidalia, Ga.; Lemont, Ill.; Williamsport, Md.; Liverpool, N.Y; Ardmore, Okla.; and Cambridge City, Ind. Dot Foods will open its ninth distribution center in Burley, Idaho, next summer.

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