

## Partner Profile: J & D Tube Benders

Since its inception in 1971, J & D Tube Benders, Inc. has been committed to exceeding tube forming and fabrication needs for its customers. The company that was built on quick turnarounds and a "where you want it, when you want it" philosophy now boasts 130 employees and \$18 million in annual sales. Components fabricated at J & D Tube Benders, Inc. can be found worldwide on Pierce fire trucks, Caterpillar construction equipment, Manitowoc Cranes and JLG lifts, among many others.

## **COMMITMENT TO NTC**

- J & D Tube Benders President, Tom Felch, serves on the NTC District Board of Trustees as a member and the current Vice Chairperson
- J & D President Tom Felch is active in the Central Wisconsin Metal Manufacturers Alliance, a local organization that works closed with NTC to promote careers in manufacturing and close the skills gap
- J & D Tube Benders Vice President, Janet Felch, serves on the NTC Foundation Board as a member and the current Vice President
- J & D Tube Benders Scholarships
  - J&D Tube Benders contributes annually to an endowed scholarship for students in welding, mechanical design or machine tool, as well as a certificate scholarship for students seeking a certificate in welding or other School of Applied Technology and Engineering programs. The Felch family also supports several personal scholarships through the NTC Foundation.
- Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Center of Excellence Capital Campaign Major Supporter
- NTC Timberwolf Days Sponsor (2011, 2012, 2014)
- NTC Promise Major Donor (2016)
- Heavy Metal Tour Host and Participant
- Hosts high school tours for youth apprenticeship and dual credit students to build the pipeline for careers in manufacturing