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## Slate Solutions Named 2026 SFMA Grand Elite Manufacturer of the Year

**South Florida armor manufacturer recognized for manufacturing excellence, innovation, leadership, and commitment to quality**

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Slate Solutions, LLC, a leading designer and manufacturer of high-performance armor solutions, has been named the 2026 Manufacturer of the Year – The Grand Elite by the South Florida Manufacturers Association (SFMA).

The award was presented during SFMA's 47th Annual Recognition of Excellence Ceremony, held June 25, 2026, at the Charles F. Dodge City Center in Pembroke Pines, Florida. The annual awards recognize the people and companies helping advance South Florida's manufacturing industry.

"The Recognition of Excellence Ceremony is more than an awards program. It is a reflection of the talent, innovation, and commitment that make South Florida manufacturing stronger every year," said Matt Rocco, President of the South Florida Manufacturers Association. "These winners represent the people and companies building, producing and leading right here in our region."

The 2026 program recognized 26 Manufacturer of the Year finalists, with Slate Solutions selected as the winner of The Grand Elite category.

"This recognition belongs to the entire Slate Solutions team," said Mike Slate, Founder and CEO of Slate Solutions. "Every day, our people come to work knowing that what we manufacture has a very real purpose—protecting the men and women who protect our communities and our country. That responsibility drives our commitment to quality, innovation, and continuous improvement throughout our organization."

Headquartered in Davie, Florida, Slate Solutions specializes in the design and manufacture of advanced armor solutions for law enforcement, federal agencies, the U.S. military, and other public-safety and defense professionals. The company's capabilities encompass product design and engineering, advanced manufacturing, quality assurance, and in-house ballistic testing.

From lightweight body armor and hard armor plates to tactical carriers, ballistic shields and helmets, Slate Solutions develops solutions designed around the evolving protection and operational requirements of those serving on the front lines.

The Grand Elite recognition reflects more than the company's manufacturing capabilities. It recognizes the people, processes, and culture behind Slate Solutions and the company's continued investment in technology, quality systems, product development, and its South Florida workforce.



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“Our mission has always been bigger than manufacturing a product,” Slate added. “We are creating solutions people depend on when it matters most. Receiving this award reinforces our responsibility to keep improving, keep innovating, and continue delivering the level of performance our customers expect from Slate Solutions.”

The 2026 Recognition of Excellence Ceremony brought together 692 manufacturing leaders, employees, sponsors, and community partners to celebrate the companies and individuals contributing to South Florida’s manufacturing sector.

As Slate Solutions continues to expand its capabilities and develop next-generation armor solutions, the company remains focused on the principles that have driven its growth: performance, quality, innovation, and protecting lives.

## About Slate Solutions

Founded in 2015, Slate Solutions is a leading manufacturer of high-performance tactical gear and protective equipment, trusted by law enforcement, military, EMS, and fire professionals worldwide. With a commitment to innovation, quality, and mission-critical performance, Slate Solutions continues to set the standard for protective solutions that save lives.

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