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Sphere 1 Cooperative Presents 2020 Award Winners

Irvine, CA (May 13, 2021) The Sphere 1 Cooperative hosted their 22nd Annual Conference. Even though the entire meeting was hosted virtually, their theme: Speedway to Success: Family, Friendship and Focus, encapsulated a year of re-focusing on what was most important and celebrating the wins.

With over 900 registered attendees across the country, Sphere 1 continued to provide a casual yet unique experience for their Member-Owners and Preferred Suppliers. Filled with so many impactful interviews, including the Sphere 1 Board of Directors, a presentation from Sphere 1's 2019 Supplier of the Year, Milwaukee Tool, to exclusive one-on-ones with Steve Richman, CEO of Milwaukee Tool, and Brandon Moss, EVP of Southwire Tools, and another fun Awards Show enjoyed in the comfort of their home, Sphere 1 was able to make the most out of a virtual event.

"Thank you to our Preferred Supplier Partners for all they do for the Sphere 1 Members and for the tremendous support this year as we navigated through the virtual meeting process," says Rob Moe, President & CEO of Sphere 1. "Thank you to our Members who remain steadfast even through these trying times, and for staying focused on building sound relationships with our Preferred Supplier network. Remember to be just 1% better every day. These small levels of foundation over time become so strong that they solidify everything in your path - your dreams and aspirations can become possible!"

Member and Supplier of the Year Awards

The Member and Supplier of the Year Awards are Sphere 1's most prestigious awards, based on the overall score on Sphere 1's annual support card. Out of 121 Preferred Suppliers, 160 Distributors Members with 797 locations and six criteria that are critical to the success of the cooperative, the 2020 Member and Supplier of the Year Awards were presented to:

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Preferred Supplier of the Year Awards for excellent service and a quality program to the Sphere 1 Membership:

- Keson LLC - Opal Echelon
- Norseman Drill & Tool - Ruby Echelon
- JPW Industries - Sapphire Echelon
- Makita USA - Emerald Echelon

Member of the Year Awards for demonstrating excellence in collaboration and growth within the cooperative:

- Industrial Hardware Hawaii - Idaho - Opal Echelon
- Little Hardware - Ruby Echelon
- Bay Verte Machinery - Sapphire Echelon
- Connective Systems & Supply - Emerald Echelon

Additional 2020 Award Winners were presented to the following:

Preferred Brand of the Year for top sales achievement by brand.

- Metabo HPT

Gateway for Growth Awards for highest performance within our platform.

Members

- G&S Fastening Systems - Opal Echelon
- Apex Saw Works - Ruby Echelon
- Contractors Supply, Inc - Sapphire Echelon
- Fasteners Inc - Emerald Echelon

Suppliers

- MBW Inc - Opal Echelon
- CLC Custom LeatherCraft - Ruby Echelon
- PIP Protective Industrial Products - Sapphire Echelon
- Freud America - Emerald Echelon

Sphere 1 University Awards for outstanding training programs and course completions.

Member (Highest Course Completions by Location Average)

- Midway Rentals and Sales - Opal Echelon
- Fasco Las Vegas - Ruby Echelon
- Fisher's Tools - Sapphire Echelon
- Nu Way - Emerald Echelon

Suppliers

- Lift-All - Opal Echelon
- Apex Tool Group - Ruby Echelon
- ITW CCNA - Sapphire Echelon
- Milwaukee Tool - Emerald Echelon

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Overall Volume

Members

- SouthernCarlson (Overall)
- The Tool Nut (by Location Average)

Suppliers

- Majestic Glove - Opal Echelon
- Generac Power Systems - Ruby Echelon
- Werner Co - Sapphire Echelon
- Stanley Black & Decker - Emerald Echelon

Largest Percentage in Growth

Members

- Precision Tool & Fastener Supply – Opal Echelon
- Tool Expo Construction Suppliers – Ruby Echelon
- PaulB LLC – Sapphire Echelon
- The Tool Nut – Emerald Echelon

Suppliers

- MBW Inc – Opal Echelon
- Generac Power Systems – Ruby Echelon
- Diamond Products – Sapphire Echelon
- Husqvarna Construction Products – Emerald Echelon

Member Supporting the Most Preferred Suppliers

- Bay Verte Machinery
- L.W. Meyer

Moves Management Award

- Carroll Construction Supply

“Congratulations to all our Award Winners! It’s so amazing to see what has been earned in 2020!” said Rob Moe. “Our theme this year was targeted for our event in Indianapolis and stated very simply by the following theme: ‘Speedway to Success: Family, Friends and Focus’ - that sums it up quite clearly. We win by supporting each other, by developing partnerships, and by reaching achievements together in all we do.”

Sphere 1 will host their 23rd Annual Conference on May 2-5, 2022 in Aurora, Colorado.

About Sphere 1

Sphere 1 is a cooperative of tool, fastener, and concrete accessory distributors, working together to achieve competitive and sustainable advantages in our marketplace. By partnering with preferred suppliers, we provide our members with enhanced vendor programs, superior education and innovative practices. While fostering community among our peers, we are committed to integrity, honesty and respect in all that we do. For more information, contact Sharon Boone at 949-932-3600 or visit www.sphere1.coop

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