



The ESOP Association

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Winners of Annual Awards for Communication Excellence Announced for 2009

The Annual Awards for Communications Excellence (AACE) are sponsored by The ESOP Association to recognize the outstanding communications programs of its members. AACE winners are chosen by a panel of judges made up of both management and non-management employee owners, each of whom has demonstrated active experience and interest in the field of ESOP communications. The 2009 winners are:

Category 1-A, Total Communications Program, 100 or fewer employees

Winner: Nobis Engineering Inc.
www.nobisengineering.com
Runner Up: The Onyx Group
www.onyxgroup.com

Category 1-B, Total Communications Program, 101 - 500 employees

Winner: Thomson-Shore, Inc.
www.thomsonshore.com
Runner Up: Materials Transportation Company
www.mtcworldwide.com

Category 1-C, Total Communications Program, 501 - 1,000 employees

Winner: Douglas Machine Inc.
www.douglas-machine.com
Runner Up: Entertainment Partners
www.entertainmentpartners.com

Category 1-D, Total Communications Program, 1,001 - 5,000 employees

Winner: AMERICAN SYSTEMS CORPORATION
www.americansystems.com
Runner Up: Hot Dog on a Stick
www.hotdogonastick.com

Category 2, Audio Visual

Winner: Mills James, Inc.
www.millsjames.com
Runner Up: Harrell Remodeling, Inc.
www.harrell-remodeling.com

For more information, please call The ESOP Association at 202/293-2971 or email media@esopassociation.org.

Did you know...

- There are approximately 10,000 ESOPs in place in the U.S., covering 10 million employees (10% of the private sector workforce).
- Research indicates that ESOP implementation results in more information sharing, increased communications, and involvement in decision making for employee owners.
- 75% of Association members advertise the fact they are employee owned.

Source: The ESOP Association, www.esopassociation.org

On the calendar...

May 6 & 7, 2009
32nd Annual Conference
Renaissance Washington Hotel
Washington, DC
Contact: 866/366-3832 or
meetings@esopassociation.org

For a complete list of conferences and events, please visit The ESOP Association's website at www.esopassociation.org.

Category 3-A. Printed Materials. 250 or fewer employees

Winner: MidSouth Building Supply, Inc.

www.msbs.net

Runner Up: Quadna Inc.

www.quadna.com

Category 3-B. Printed Materials. over 250 employees

Winner: KAPCO/VALTEC

www.kapcovaltec.com

Runner Up: The Walman Optical Company

www.walman.com

Category 4-A. Educational Materials. Print

Winner: Parametrix, Inc.

www.parametrix.com

Runner Up: Carris Reels

www.carris.com

Category 4-B. Education Materials. ESOP Intranet

Winner: Norcal Waste Systems, Inc.

www.norcalwaste.com

Category 5-A. External ESOP Advertising. Print

Winner: Carl Warren & Company

www.carlwarren.com

Runner Up: Cisco-Eagle, Inc.

www.cisco-eagle.com

Category 5-B. External ESOP Advertising – Website

Winner: Hot Dog on a Stick

www.hotdogonastick.com

Runner Up: Carris Reels

www.carris.com

Category 6-A. Special Events. Promotions. 1 Outstanding Event. 250 or fewer employees

Winner: Cisco-Eagle, Inc.

www.cisco-eagle.com

Runner Up: The Onyx Group

www.onyxgroup.com

Category 6-B. Special Events. Promotions. 1 Outstanding Event. over 250 employees

Winner: Glatfelter Insurance Group

www.glatfelters.com

Runner Up: Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc.

www.acadian.com

Category 7-A. Special Events. Promotions. Series. 250 or fewer employees

Winner: ComSonics, Inc.

www.comsonics.com

Runner Up: MidSouth Building Supply, Inc.

www.msbs.net

Category 7-B. Special Events. Promotions. Series. over 250 employees

Winner: Forsythe Technology, Inc.

www.forsythe.com

Runner Up: AMERICAN SYSTEMS CORPORATION

www.americansystems.com

2009 AAACE Award Winners



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