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AHR Expo Calls for Innovation Awards Entries Exhibitors Encouraged to Submit New or Upgraded Products

WESTPORT, Conn., June 29, 2017– The International Air-Conditioning, Heating, Refrigerating Exposition (AHR Expo) announces its call for entries for the 2018 AHR Expo Innovation Awards Competition. The winners in each of the 10 product categories will receive special recognition prior to the Show, and will be given their awards during a ceremony on Tuesday, January 23, at McCormick Place in Chicago. In addition, the winner of the Product of the Year Award will be announced at that time. The Show will begin the preceding day, Monday, January 22 and run through Wednesday, January 24.

OVERVIEW

Since 2003, the Innovation Awards highlight the HVACR industry's efforts to provide advanced solutions to its ever-changing needs. The awards call attention to the products, systems and technologies that have set elevated standards for the industry's responsible and effective use of its resources. Categories include: building automation; cooling; green building; heating; indoor air quality; plumbing; refrigeration; software; tools and instruments; and ventilation.

"These awards publicly acknowledge the hard work companies contribute toward the future of the industry," said Clay Stevens, president of International Exposition Company. "Each year, several hundred companies submit their latest products. While we only can select 10 winners, it is exciting to see the drive for innovation in our industry continue to grow."

PRODUCT OF THE YEAR

At the award presentation ceremony, a single Product of the Year will be announced from the pool of winners, recognizing an exceptional level of leadership in HVACR innovation.

SUBMISSIONS & JUDGING

All 2018 AHR Expo exhibitors are eligible to submit a product for the Innovation Awards. Exhibitors may submit one product in each category, as long as that product has not

previously won an award. To be considered, products must be exhibited at the Show and available for sale by the end of January 2018. Completed entry forms and a \$100 entry fee must be submitted online at **ahrexpo.com** by Wednesday, August 16, 2017.

Judging is based on the following criteria: innovative design, creativity, application, value and market impact. All submissions will be evaluated by a panel of third-party ASHRAE member judges working in all facets of the industry.

ENTRY FEES DONATED TO LOCAL CHARITY

Each year, all of the entry fees (approximately \$20,000) are donated to a charitable organization serving the local community where the Show is held. The donation is generally used to provide much needed HVACR repairs or upgrades.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the 2018 AHR Expo or the Innovation Awards Competition, please visit **ahrexpo.com**. Specific questions regarding Innovation Awards submissions can be emailed to **kpires@iecshows.com**.

About AHR Expo

The International Air-Conditioning, Heating, Refrigerating Exposition (AHR Expo), which began more than 85 years ago as a heating and ventilation show, has now grown into one of the world's largest HVACR events. The Exposition is held annually in key markets and major cities across the U.S., hosting 2,000 exhibitors and bringing in crowds of 65,000 industry professionals. The Show provides a unique forum where the HVACR community comes together and shares new products, technologies, and ideas. The event is co-sponsored by ASHRAE and AHRI, and is held concurrently with ASHRAE's Winter Conference.

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