



Press Announcement

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First WCMA Industry Leadership Award Announced

The Board of Directors of the Wire & Cable Manufacturers' Alliance (WCMA) is pleased to announce a newly created industry award to be held in addition to its annual Distinguished Career Award. **George Graeber**, former President and COO of Belden CDT, has been selected to receive the organization's first Industry Leadership Award.

This new recognition will be bestowed by the WCMA Board on an individual who has manifested, over the short term or long term, a high degree of ethical responsibility, moral value and judgment, commitment to mentoring peers and coworkers, among other highly visible contributions to the wire and cable industry.

According to the WCMA Board, Graeber, who has also received the organization's Charles Scott Distinguished Career Award, personifies an industry executive who has selflessly guided numerous careers while holding management and executive leadership posts at companies such as Brand Rex, Montrose, Manhattan Cable, Anixter, and Cable Design Technologies, which was later merged to become part of Belden CDT. As a tireless promoter of the wire and cable industry itself, Graeber has consistently volunteered his time to speak at industry conferences, most recently as a moderator of this year's Executive Panel Session at the IWCS/Focus Conference and Exhibition.

Through this award, WCMA seeks to recognize an individual who most clearly demonstrates a past, present, and future ability to lead a company and contribute significantly to the wire and cable industry.

All are invited to join the Board in honoring and recognizing Mr. Graeber at the WCMA Annual Meeting & Luncheon on December 14, 2006 in Windsor Locks, Connecticut at the Sheraton Bradley Airport Hotel. For registration information, contact Debbie Mathiasen, Executive Director at telephone: 860-873-2311, or email: mrcdm@snet.net.

The Wire & Cable Manufacturers' Alliance (WCMA), is a corporate membership trade organization for manufacturers of conductor, insulated wire, cables, fiber optic cables, and connectivity products with an established manufacturing base in North America, as well as industry suppliers and service providers. WCMA works to facilitate the exchange of mutually beneficial market and technical information and to provide support to relevant industry organizations that serve the industry and its membership.

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