



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS**

**INDUSTRY AWARD OF MERIT**

This award was established in 1965 by the NAED Board. It was modified in 2007 to recognize companies rather than individuals. This award is given to recognize an associate company that has been exceptionally active in promoting and supporting and/or improving the electrical distribution channel.

**RECIPIENTS:**

- 1967 Nester J. MacDonald, Chairman of the Board, Thomas & Betts, Co.
- 1968 Joseph A. Bussmann, Jr., President, Bussmann Mfg. Div., McGraw-Edison Co.,  
St. Louis, MO
- 1969 – 1971 No Award Given
- 1972 Kristian H. Christiansen, Vice President, General Electric Co., ADSD, Harrison, NY
- 1972 Walter H. Bieringer, Plymouth Rubber Co., Canton, MA
- 1973 Marvin V. Schylling, Vice President, Marketing Lighting Products Group,  
Industrial-Commercial Division, GTE Sylvania, Danvers, MA
- 1974 Mitchell P. Kartalia, President, Square D Co., Park Ridge, IL
- 1975 J.M. Lime, General Manager, Lamp Marketing Dept., General Electric Co., Nela  
Park, Cleveland, OH
- 1976 No Award Given
- 1977 Reginald H. Jones, Chairman of the Board, General Electric Co., Fairfield, CT
- 1978 – 1979 No Award Given
- 1980 Robert H. Murphy, Vice Chairman, The Wiremold Co., West Hartford, CT  
John D. Murphy, Chairman of the Board, The Wiremold Co., West Hartford, CT
- 1981 A.H. Gudie, Trade Service Publications, Los Angeles, CA
- 1982 I.A. Rader, Allen-Bradley Company, Milwaukee, WI
- 1983 J. David Parkinson, Thomas & Betts Co., Raritan, NJ
- 1984 Vincent J. Ruane, 3M Company, St. Paul, MN
- 1985 T.R. Fuller, Thomas Industries, Inc., Louisville, KY
- 1986 Donald M. Canfield, Vice President – Marketing, Industrial/Commercial Lighting,  
GTE Sylvania – US Lighting Division, Danvers, MA
- 1987 L.R. Anderson, General Electric Co., Lighting Business Group, Cleveland, OH  
(Retired)

1988 James E. Fenn, Plymouth Rubber Co., Inc., Canton, MA (Retired)  
1989 Neil I. Wolfson, Vice President, Red Dot Division, L.E. Mason Co., Boston, MA  
1990 David M. Engelman, Electrical Distribution & Control Sales Division, GE Company,  
Plainville, CT  
1991 Thomas A. Blumberg, Leviton Mfg., Co., Inc., Little Neck, NY  
1992 H. John Riley, Cooper Industrials, Houston, TX  
1993 M. Thomas Latanision, Thomas & Betts Co., Memphis, TN  
1994 Thomas A. Twehues, Essex Group, Ft. Wayne, IN  
1995 John D. Opie, GE Lighting, East Cleveland, OH  
1996 William A. Trotman, Gould Shawmut, Newburyport, MA  
1997 Vincent Petrecca, Hubbell Incorporated, Orange, CT  
1998 Alexander M. Cutler, Eaton Corporation, Cleveland, OH  
1999 No Award Given  
2000 Jack Caveney, CEO, Panduit Corporation, Tinley Park, IL  
2001 Jack Briody, Advance Transformer Co., Rosemont, IL  
2002 Scott Harris, Schneider Electric/Square D, Salt Lake City, UT  
2003 No Award Given  
2004 Robert Smith, Pass & Seymour/Legrand  
2005 Edwin B. Kanner, American Insulated Wire Corporation  
2006 Timothy H. Powers, Hubbell Incorporated  
2007 Square D/Schneider Electric  
2008 ILSCO Corp.  
2009 Lutron Electronics Co., Inc.  
2010 Alexander M. Cutler, Eaton Corporation, Cleveland, OH  
2011 RAB Lighting, Northvale, NJ  
2012 Legrand/John Selldorff, West Hartford, CT  
2013 Leviton/Don Hendler, Steve Sokolow, Melville, NY  
2014 Encore Wire Corporation, Daniel Jones, McKinney, TX  
2015 Southwire Company, Stuart Thorn, Carrollton, GA  
2016 Omni Cable Corporation, Jeff Siegfried, Westchester, PA  
2017 Acuity Brands, Vernon Nagel, Conyers, GA  
2018 Rockwell Automation, Inc., Blake Moret, Milwaukee, WI  
2019 ABB, Greg Scheu, President Americas Region  
2020 Atkore International, Bill Waltz, President & CEO  
2021-22 Skipped/Covid  
2023 Hubbell, Gerben Bakker  
2024 Zekelman Industries, James Hays