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Acme Tools Named Distributor of the Year

GRAND FORKS, N.D. - May 4, 2015 - Acme Tools was named the 2014 Tier 1 Distributor Member of the Year by Evergreen Marketing Group at its Annual Partnership Conference in Addison, Texas. This is the fifth time since the award was established in 2008 that Acme Tools and its 525-person work force has been recognized having previously been honored in 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

"By winning Member of the Year for 2014, Acme Tools has once again shown the benefit of forming true partnerships with Evergreen preferred suppliers," said Evergreen CEO Kevin Higginbotham. "Acme Tools leads the group by example and is a true role model for other distributor members. They take full advantage of our professional development programs that benefit their employees and their customers."

The awards were created to recognize top distributors and manufacturers based on multiple criteria. Distributors and manufacturers are divided into three tiers based on size and then ranked by contribution, growth, participation and member and manufacturer input.

Stanley Black & Decker was recognized as the 2014 Tier 1 Preferred Supplier of the Year.

Evergreen Marketing Group is a member-owned cooperative organization founded in 1989 by construction/industrial supply distributors. Today, it consists of 69 distributors with more than 280 locations in the United States and Canada with combined revenues over \$1.6 billion. Evergreen is focused on the growth and development of its distributors and preferred suppliers through training and education, business development and partnering. Evergreen maintains a 17,000-square-foot training center in Farmers Branch, Texas, and offers the industry's only professional certification programs for sales and operations employees.

Acme Tools has more than 65 years of industry experience as a major industrial tool distributor and today is one of the premier retailers of tools and equipment with 10 retail stores in the Upper Midwest and a leading authorized online retailer offering more than 26,000 products online at AcmeTools.com