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ACCA Honors Rosenberg Indoor Comfort in San Antonio, TX with Elite Marketing Master Award



Alexandria, VA- The Air Conditioning Contractors (ACCA) America announces Rosenberg Indoor Comfort as the 2022 Elite Marketing Master, sponsored by **RYNO** Strategic Solutions.

"We're thrilled to be the winners of the inaugural Elite Marketing Master award," said Michael Rosenberg, Rosenberg Comfort president. "Marketing is probably the most fun part of the business, and

we want to thank ACCA and RYNO Strategic Solutions for this award.'

The Marketing Masters program, which is Awards into five categories, honors and recognizes the best marketing programs developed and implemented by ACCA contractor members. From these winners, ACCA members voted to choose the Elite Marketing Master recipient. Winners from each category of the Marketing

Masters Awards receive national recognition at ACCA's Annual Conference & Expo and in a special Marketing Masters distributed Portfolio through ACCA Now magazine.

From the categories of Traditional Media Print. Traditional Media – TV or Radio, Connections through Social Media, Connections through Digital or Mobile Marketing, sponsored by Scorpion, and Rolling Marketing Vehicles, sponsored by Adrian Steel, Rosenberg Indoor Comfort was selected as the Elite Marketing Master.

"Congratulations Rosenberg Indoor Comfort on winning the highest honor of our Marketing Masters Awards," said Barton James, ACCA president & CEO. "The creativity and hard work put into creating your marketing materials did not go unnoticed, and is sure to catch the eyes of customers and industry members alike."

ACCA Welcomes 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Alexandria, VA- The Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) announces the installation of the 2022 - 2023 Board of Directors and Officers.

Brian Stack of Stack Heating, Cooling, and Electric in Avon, OH, passed the leadership of the

ACCA Board of Directors to Keith Paton of Ivey Mechanical LLC., in Kosciusko, MS.

"It has been a great pleasure to be the Chairman of the Board for ACCA for the past year," said Stack. "Despite complications with traveling at the beginning of my to advance the implementation of ACCA's Strategic Plan through online communication. Thankfully, towards the end of last year travel picked up and it was wonderful to be able to meet face-to-face with many of ACCA's member companies

tenure, we were able to continue

and partners in excellence, as well as represent ACCA at industry events like HARDI, and AHR. I am looking forward to working with our new Chairman Keith Paton. Keith is a strong leader and will serve ACCA well in the coming year."

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Insco Distributing's New **Lubbock Branch Grand Opening**



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"I never cease to be impressed with the way ACCA supports their membership, from arming us with best-in-class training, fighting for contractor friendly legislation and regulations and codes, in person and online networking, and many other areas of focus," said Paton. "During my term as Chairman, I am interested in recruiting even more HVACR companies to become involved with ACCA through our various committees. Giving back by volunteering pays such dividends to not only ACCA and the HVACR Industry, but has also helped me grow personally and professionally. I'm looking forward to better defining a place for larger commercial contractors to be more involved in ACCA. Commercial contractors are an important membership sector for ACCA, and based on my experience with the opportunities ACCA is so well known for in the residential and light commercial contractor fields, I'm confident that these opportunities are invaluable to larger commercial contractors. One of my goals as Chairman is for it to no longer be a secret that ACCA is excellent fit and great value for larger commercial contractors."

Serving alongside Paton on the executive committee are; Brian Stack, Stack Heating, Cooling, and Electric, Avon, OH, immediate past chair; Stephen Pape, Pape Service Co., Desoto, TX, senior vice chair; Martin Hoover, Empire Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., Decatur, GA, secretary/treasurer; Eddie McFarlane, HomeX, Lancaster, PA, vice chair; Tim Cropp, CroppMetcalfe Services, Fairfax, VA, vice chair.

Directors on the 2022-2023 Board, not serving on the Executive Committee are; Craig Elliot, Nice Home Services, Springfield, VA; Vince Gillette, Gillette Air Conditioning Company, Inc., San Antonio, TX; Kurt Hudson, LC Anderson, LLC., Boston, MA; Ryan Kletz, Classic Air's One Hour Heating and Air Conditioning, Virginia Beach, VA; Matt Marsiglio, Flame Furnace, Warren, MI; Cody Novini, SoCal Airflow Pros, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA; and Jennifer Pierce, Clay's Climate Control, Linwood, NJ.

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Jeff Nelson



Jeff Nelson passed away in March at the age of 63. He was with M&M Manufacturing Company for 26 years where he served as a leader, plant manager, salesman and close friend to his co-workers, customers, and associates in the HVAC industry. Jeff retired

recently from John Cook and Associates of Dallas, TX.

Jeff was the nicest guy in the world.

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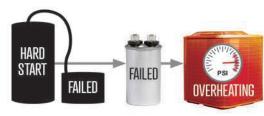
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Product News

Mitsubishi Electric Trane HVAC US Introduces SMART MULTI™ Lineup of **Ducted and Ductless Zoned Comfort Solutions**

Consolidates product offering, simplifies inventory for distributors, contractors

Suwanee, Ga. – Mitsubishi Electric Trane HVAC US (METUS), a leading supplier of Ductless and Ducted Minisplit and Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) heat-pump and air-conditioning systems, introduces the SMART MULTITM lineup. The new SMART MULTI lineup consists of the MXZ-SM outdoor unit, the MXZ branch box and various M-Series, P-Series and CITY MULTI® indoor units.

solutions offered by METUS, SMART MULTI works across all indoor unit platforms reducing the number of outdoor unit SKUs for METUS distribution partners and simplifying the choices for design.

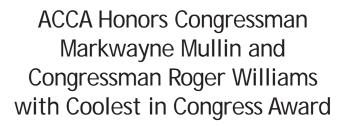
"SMART MULTI consolidates our MXZ and PUMY product lines. We've reduced the number of SKUs and simplified inventory for distributors," says Chris North,

HVAC US. "Available in multiple capacities, SMART MULTI is a highly efficient multi-zone heating and cooling product designed for residential and light commercial applications."

The SMART MULTI MXZ-SM outdoor unit is available in 36, 42, 48 and 60 KBTU/H capacities. Several capacities are offered with Hyper-Heating INVERTER® (H2i®) technology providing cold climate heating performance down to -13° F. The MXZ-SM operates as low as 50 dB(A) or quieter than a typical conversation. Efficiency ratings include SEER up to 23.0 and HSPF up to 12.5. A range of control options for residential or light commercial applications are available. Seacoast protection (-BS coating) is standard.

The SMART MULTI MXZ-SM outdoor unit is compatible with ductless and ducted indoor units from the M-Series, P-Series and CITY MULTI product lines. M-Series and P-Series connections require the MXZ branch box.

For more information about SMART MULTI and the complete assortment of residential and commercial heating and air-conditioning solutions from Mitsubishi Electric Trane HVAC US, visit MitsubishiComfort.com.



Alexandria, VA- The Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) announces Congressman Markwayne Mullin (OK-02) and Congressman Roger Williams (TX-25) as inaugural recipients of the ACCA Coolest in Congress Award.

The ACCA Coolest in Congress Award is granted to members of Congress who have made significant legislative contributions to the HVACR contracting industry. 2022 is the first year ACCA has given the award.

Before he ran for Congress, Representative Mullin ran Mullin Plumbing, whose services also include HVAC contracting. Since his election in 2012, he has been a voice for the industry in the House of Representatives as well as an ally and partner of ACCA. We are proud to recognize him for a decade of outstanding service in Congress and a lifetime of outstanding service in the HVAC contracting industry.

As the owner of Roger Williams Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Congressman Williams also knows what it's like to run a small business. Over the past two years he's quickly become a leading advocate in Congress for issues that affect contractors—like energy efficiency and workforce development.

In 2020, ACCA worked with Congressman Williams on a bill that made the Section 179D deduction for commercial efficiency improvements permanent. Last June, Congressman Williams joined several ACCA members and other small business owners for a town hall on career and technical education and the importance of a skilled workforce at ACCA member school, Hill College in Cleburne, TX. He has also joined ACCA for webinars, introduced legislation to make the 25C residential credit permanent, and introduced bills that promote career and technical education.



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Product News

Next Evolution of YORK® YVAA Variable Speed Drive Screw Chiller Increases Efficiency and Expands Configuration Options

Milwaukee — Johnson Controls, the global leader for smart, healthy and sustainable buildings, has announced the latest evolution to the YORK® YVAA Variable Speed Drive Screw Chiller for the entire global product line. The award-winning chiller now features increased operating efficiency, a reduced footprint and integration with low-GWP refrigerants.

The chiller also now offers more flexibility with expanded configuration options at each cooling capacity along with a reduction in sound levels.

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Ahead of the Pack

One of the things I love about living in Indianapolis is the activity at the racetrack. Yes, it is true, I am a race geek. I love the cars, the drivers, the back story and the history. I have a favorite spot high in turn one for qualifications, and there is nothing quite like the feeling when you hear the call for , "ladies and gentleman start your engines!"

Watching the car and motorcycle races throughout year one thing is obvious: winning teams can't sit on their laurels. If Team Penske assumed they didn't need to change anything in their setup configuration engine because they won last year, it's a safe bet they won't be in the winner's circle this year. If they continued to hold all elements constant. they would fall further and

behind

their

further

competitors at each race.

Why? Because racing is a competitive business. Someone is always raising the stakes, trying something new and challenging the status quo. Not every change works--for example, the 2012 Lotus engine program was a spectacular failure. But if you aren't willing to explore new options, sooner or later you will be left in the dust.

Most businesses are competitive. While the stakes may not be as high as they are in professional racing, if it's your business, the stakes are extremely high for you. So, what are you doing to make sure you finish the race on the podium? Are you:

Investing in equipment

- If your PC or laptop is more than three years old, there is a good chance it isn't running the way it used to. Sure, you can clean it up, but you are probably better off just donating it to a worthy charity and getting a new one.

Testing new fuel - I know, it is a lot to keep up with. Just when you finally got used to the idea that Facebook isn't just for kids, there are all these other platforms like Pinterest, Instagram and Tik Tok. I am not saying you need to be on all of them, but just like the race teams, you need to be testing different fuel mixtures to see what makes marketing engine run best.

Learning new skills

- Even the best drivers continue to train and practice. What about you? When was the last time you took a course, watched a webinar, read a book or learned a new skill?



Lorraine Ball

Digital marketing strategist, Lorraine Ball has spent 30 years working with business owners. She has collected the best of her training, tools and resources in the Digital Toolbox (www. digitaltoolbox.club) She is also the host of More Than a Few Words, a marketing podcast, available wherever you listen to podcasts.

In racing and business, if you are standing still, you are going to get passed. Make a commitment today to do the things you need to do to find yourself in the winner's circle.



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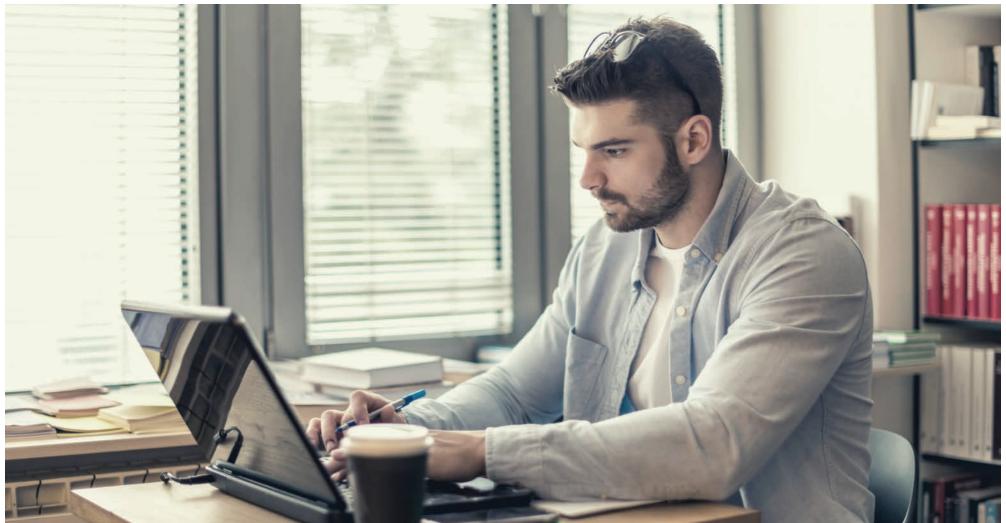
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RenewAire Adds Model S to EV Series Premium ERV Product Line

Now smaller applications can use the feature-rich Model S to supplant costly bathroom fans, employ an industry-leading 1.82-CFM/watt efficiency, but at an entry-level price point.

Waunakee, Wis.—RenewAire®, a leading manufacturer of HVAC and indoor air quality (IAQ) products, introduces the EV Series Premium—Model S, a static plate enthalpy corebased energy recovery ventilator (ERV) for smaller, entry-level, IAQ-oriented applications in North America.

Like the larger EV Series Premium M and L models introduced in 2020, the Model S offers one of the HVAC industry's best CFM/ watt, exhaust air transfer ratio (EATR) and static pressure capabilities with best-in-class, customizable operational features, but at an economical price point.

The Model S is Home Ventilation Institute (HVI)-certified (CSA 439-09) and designed for pinpoint (IAQ) in new 3-bdrm/2-bath single-family homes under 2,500 square feet, condos, dormitories, manufactured homes and light commercial buildings. Contractors can eliminate the upfront capital, installation and maintenance costs of conventional bathroom fans with one Model S in compliance with the International Residential Code (IRC), but also add energy-saving heat recovery and a sensor-

activated Boost Mode to offset IAQ challenges, such as bathroom showering, kitchen cooking or house guests with potential infections. Using a Model S to supplant bath fans reduces home penetrations from four to two, improves the Home Energy Rating System (HERS), and provides local and federal rebate incentives for contractors.

The Model S' HVI-rated 1.82-CFM/ watt (tested under IECC 2021 standards for motors up to ½-hp) efficiency surpasses the competition. Its many features include variable fan speeds supplying 30 to 130-CFM by an EC motor. The space saving impellor fan helps reduce its footprint to 22-1/2 (l) x 9 (w) x 23-3/4 (h)-inches (571 x 228 x 603-mm) for fitting tight spaces.

The Model S also future-proofs new homes with its 1-inch w.g. external static pressure capacity, which far surpasses the upcoming 0.4-inch w.g. ASHRAE 62.2 Standard revision. Fan speeds automatically adjust to room activity contaminants that are monitored and activated automatically to Boost Mode by CO2, VOC, IAQ or occupancy

sensors, or manually with a remote pushbutton in the space.

The EV Series Premium Model S's other features are:

- Dial-A-Flow digital controller is included for quick and easy balance and airflow adjustments;
- Replaces conventional bathroom fans by running flexible duct to the ERV;
 - Available with MERV 13 filter;
- Included ceiling/wall mounting brackets and corded outlet plug reduces installation time;
- ETL-listed for residential an commercial-grade applications;
- Meets strict California regulations including the upcoming 2022 California Energy Code;
- Helps introduce more outdoor air ventilation, which ASHRAE recommends for reducing airborne transmission of viruses, bacteria and other microbial pathogens;
- Uses the latest G5 generation of exchange core.

The Model S joins the M (Medium) and



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It's On My Heart: People, the Missing Ingredient

I travel the nation, hear the same story from Connecticut to California: we need more people! The last couple of years have been good for our industry, we have grown, and that growth has come at a cost. We need to add more install crews, more install vans, more high efficiency equipment. This article will not dive into how to find the vans, or the high efficiency equipment, but rather will focus on the people needed to do the work. And how to find them.

Just listened to a podcast that interviewed Paul Kelly, the guy who grew Parker and Sons into a \$200 million/year machine in AZ. He has published a book, Tricks of the Trade to Success, where he talks about how he does business. In the book he has a chapter on finding people. He should know, he hired over 250 employees last year. Paul's take on it is simple; we have a problem (more techs needed)

that needs our full attention. He says until you put money, time, and energy into that problem, it won't go away. He tells us that when he discovers a situation that needs a solution, he puts together a group of managers, assigns tasks, and meets regularly to discuss where they are in the process, to share accountability. By regularly it may be more than once a week. Depends on how the results are showing up.

Our industry takes a somewhat simplified approach, we put signs in the back of the van: we're hiring. Maybe post a link on our website that takes them to a application. Might even have a link to the application on our social media.

Some of our members have taken that concept a step further, maybe several steps. Lou Hobaica in Az has a hiring fair each month, third Thursday. He has let the distributors he works with know, every

employee knows, he blasts it out on social media and on his website. After hours, 5-8 or so, he grills up some burgers, light refreshments are available at no cost. It is open to all who want to stop by. Has flags out front advertising it. Lou is in an area of businesses, had a couple of painters working on a building close by, invited them over for the food, and while they were there, asked if they wanted a tour and see what his company is all about. Lou has figured out the secret of hiring good employees; hire for attitude, train for skill. He has a company that does all the services: hvac, plumbing, electrical, home security, even wine coolers. So, he can start someone new to our industry and train them for the skills needed to succeed as a technician or installer, he has a system for the new employees to move from one level to another, gaining skills as they advance.

Take that a step farther, Lou has teamed up with other contractors and developed a training school for anyone new to the industry, to help get them up to speed faster. They get paid to attend school, then get to work as a helper for a while, to be sure they are the right person for the job.

Another contractor in Phoenix uses the local schools as a source of new employees. He has them come into his shop early morning and help get the jobs set up, they can ride with a tech as a helper to see what the job requires. These are high school seniors; many have partial days open where they can be involved in a business learning a trade. May only work a few hours per day, might only be 1 or 2 days a week. But they are getting an inside look at the industry, with some actual experience riding with a seasoned tech.

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Jim Hinshaw

Upongraduating University of from the Missouri at Rolla, Hinshaw started his career in the air conditioning industry. Hinshaw's background includes positions as a manufacturer's rep, President of one of the oldest and largest air conditioning companies in Arizona, residential start-up specialist for the Carrier Corporation, and an officer in a Carrier owned service agency.

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I know, this is not to prepare them for college. Turns out, not everyone is a fit for college. And today, there is the real possibility that a young man or woman can make some great money working in the trades. Just saw a study that showed average entry level techs in hvac or plumbing can get \$46,000 or more per year. Not helpers, but techs who have some training to do the job. In some areas of the country, you can double that number in just a few years, if they are good with people. Note those last three words, good with people. Not enough today to have mechanical skills, you also have to have people skills, able to read consumers reactions

Final note: there are some others who have taken the concept of adding employees to a new level. Ken Goodrich has a person who oversees recruiting. the website has videos of the techs saying what a great place Goettl is to work at, and what

to the concepts we are sharing.

their day looks like, he has a link on this website: change your life with a Goettl Career! Pulled all this off his website, so it is not secret.

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The common denominator: all these companies have spent time, money and effort into getting the right people into their organizations. Take note, it is not easy, but well worth the effort. Thanks for listening, we'll talk later.

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After 50 Years of Service Trey Berlin Retires from Coburn Supply Company



Beaumont, Tx – On April 1, 2022, Senior Vice President - General Manager Trey Berlin, credited with growing Coburn's Gulf Coast footprint, retired after 50 years of service to the company.

In 1972, while Trey was still studying at Louisiana State University, he started work at Coburn's Baton Rouge North Street location and later assumed the role of manager. At that same time, the still-young Trey was entrusted with overseeing the construction of the Airline branch, the first fromthe-ground-up branch in Coburn's history.

Executive Vice President
Michael Maloney says, "To
say that Trey has been hugely
instrumental in developing
the Baton Rouge footprint
is an understatement. The
success of our Airline
branch is largely due to
Trey's vision. It's why we
asked him to expand further
by overseeing the creation
of several new branches,
including those in the New
Orleans market."

Trey was a founding member of Coburn's Vendor Committee, the forerunner to the current general manager system. He will continue to serve on the company's board of directors.

Coburn's will miss Trey's expertise, but most of all, his generous spirit. Colleagues describe him as a selfless friend to all in need, which was particularly evident after the 2016 flood when he worked to provide housing and other provisions to people affected by the disaster. Still others describe him as a mentor, willing to share his time and wisdom with those who asked for his guidance.

After so many years of service, Trey intends to enjoy his retirement fishing and spending time with his wife Tanna, children and grandchildren.

McMillan James Equipment Company expands opening an office in San Antonio

McMillan James Equipment Company, headquartered in Grapevine, Texas has offices across the State of Texas with offices in Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, West Texas and has expanded into Austin & San Antonio. McMillan James Equipment Company was founded in 1987 by Mark McMillan with Mark James becoming equal partner in 2018. McMillan James Equipment Company opened a remote office in San Antonio in August of 2019 with Bryan Sublett working out of his home. Over the last 2.5 years of growing a presence in the Central and South Texas Region, they have opened an office on San Pedro Avenue in San Antonio, Texas. Ovo Ogbodu was hired in August of 2021 as a Sales Executive to grow the San Antonio

market as well. In December of 2021, MJEC hired Cliff Lovett as a factory technician to handle Austin and San Antonio commissioning. We are growing at a fast pace and are always looking for sales individuals to help us in our growth.

sales individuals to help us in our growth. McMillan James is the manufacturer rep for Addison DOAS split and packaged units; Desert Air indoor pool dehumidification equipment; Fresh-Air UV disinfection systems for coil cleaning airborne reduction: DunhamBush - water and air cooled chillers, air handlers, self-contained and packaged DX; Friedrich - Variable Refrigerant Packaged Terminal Units; Mueller heat exchangers; Multi-Aqua ducted and ductless chilled water systems; Nyle Heat Pump Water Heaters (high efficiency heat pump water heaters); Paddock Evacuator chloramine evacuation system; commercial and industrial HVAC equipment DOAS, AHU's, including and dry coolers; chillers PureAir Controls - HVAC Assessments. cleaning/ restoration; Samsung HVAC - VRF, DOAS units, Mini splits & multi-splits; Semco - specializing in air treatment solutions; The Whalen Company - high rise FCU's & WSHP's; United Cool Air - outdoor air systems ranging from 2 to 100 tons; Zonex flexible zoning systems for all applications. Swing by their new office located at 14607 San Pedro Avenue, Suite 100, San Antonio, Texas 78232 and introduce yourself to learn more about the products.

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Three Out of Four Metro Areas Add Construction Jobs from March 2021 to March 2022, Even as Labor Shortages Hold Back Further Gains

<u>Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, Texas and Cheyenne, Wyo. Post the Largest Gains Over 12 Months;</u> New York City and Danville, III. Experience the Worst Declines in a Year

Construction employment increased in three-fourths of U.S. metro areas between March 2021 and March 2022, according to an analysis by the Associated General Contractors of America of new government employment data. Association officials noted that labor shortages likely kept many firms from adding even more workers during the past year.

"It is heartening to see construction employment come back from the depths of pandemic-induced job losses in most areas," said Ken Simonson, the association's chief economist.

"But the skyrocketing number of job openings shows the industry needs far more workers than are available in many parts of the country."

The government's Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey shows that there were 364,000 job openings in construction going into March--a 52 percent jump from a year earlier, Simonson noted. Openings exceeded the 342,000

employees hired in February, implying that construction firms would have added twice as many employees if they had been available, the economist asserted.

Construction employment rose in 268 or 75 percent of 358 metro areas over the 12-month period. Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, Texas added the most construction jobs (9,300 jobs, 4 percent), followed by St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. (6,300 jobs, 10 percent); Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, Calif. (6,000 jobs, 4 percent); and Dallas-Plano-Irving, Texas (5,300 jobs, 4 percent). Cheyenne, Wyo. had the highest percentage gain (42 percent, 1,300 jobs), followed by Bay City, Mich. (27 percent, 300 jobs); Lake Charles, La. (24 percent, 3,700 jobs); and Gary, Ind. (18 percent, 2,600 jobs).

Construction employment declined in 48 metro areas from March 2021 and was stagnant in 42 areas. New York City lost the most jobs (-3,400 or -2 percent), followed by Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, Fla. (-2,400 jobs, -3 percent) and Pittsburgh, Pa. (-1,900 jobs, -3 percent). The largest percentage declines were in Danville, Ill. (-17 percent, -100 jobs); Charleston, W.Va. (-10 percent, -700 jobs); San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles-Arroyo Grande, Calif. (-8 percent, -800 jobs); and Tuscaloosa, Ala. (-8 percent, -500 jobs).

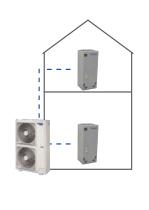
Association officials said that too few young adults and high school students are exposed to the many high-paying opportunities that exist within the construction industry. The association has launched a range of efforts, including a digital advertising recruiting campaign, to reach more potential workers. They also urged federal officials to boost funding for career and technical education programs to expose more future workers to construction career opportunities.

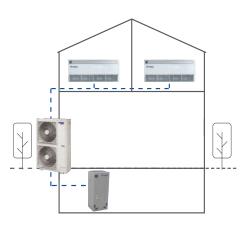
"Many people out there would love to make a good living while working with their hands and technology to build amazing projects," said Stephen E. Sandherr, the association's chief executive officer. "But too few schools are willing to challenge the prevailing orthodoxy that the only path to success is college."

Trane Technologies Announces Price Increase on Select Residential HVAC and Supply Products

Davidson, N.C., – Trane Technologies' Residential HVAC & Supply business today announced a price increase of up to 9 percent on select residential and light commercial heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) equipment. Some items may be subject to an additional increase. The increase applies to Trane®, American Standard® Heating & Air Conditioning, Mitsubishi Electric Trane HVAC US, RunTru™ by Trane, and Ameristar™ by American Standard equipment that ship on or after May 1, 2022.

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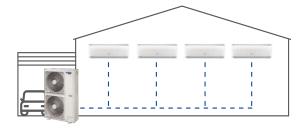


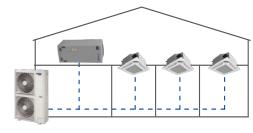
















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Johnstone Supply South TX Customer Appreciation Day

Johnstone Supply South TX held their Customer Appreciation Day at their Agnes Street location in Corpus Christi TX on April 13th.

The event had a vendor fair, catered lunch and door prizes for the customers. The event was very well-attended and the customers enjoyed a great lunch.















































RectorSeal® and TRUaire® Celebrate Scholarship Program Continuation

Houston, TX – RectorSeal, a leading manufacturer of quality HVAC/R and plumbing tools and accessories, and a wholly owned subsidiary of CSW Industrials, Inc. [NASDAQ: CSWI], recently recognized scholarship recipients in Vietnam in the continuation of a program originated by TRUaire.

TRUaire, which has a manufacturing facility in Ho Chi Minh City and was acquired by RectorSeal in December 2020, launched the University of Economics and Law Ho Chi Minh Scholarship program in 2019. RectorSeal President Don Sullivan said the program celebrates students' achievements and will continue because it aligns with CSWI's core values and RectorSeal's sense of corporate citizenship.

"Being members of a community that strives for excellence helps drive us forward as a business, and this program embodies these values," he said. "Helping tomorrow's leaders succeed today is important to CSWI and RectorSeal."

The scholarship program has helped more than 80 students achieve their educational



RectorSeal President, Don Sullivan, with scholarship recipients

goals over the past three years, most of whom attended February's scholarship ceremony for this academic year's recipients which was held at TRUaire's manufacturing facility in Ho Chi Minh City. In addition to these scholarships, TRUaire offers a program for dependents of employees that is similar to the CSWI Scholarship Program in the U.S.

"A successful education equips you with skills to help you resolve complex challenges," Mr. Sullivan told students. "The lessons you learn over the next few years will last a lifetime."

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LG Fest 2022 - Featuring the Home of Ron Sturgeon and Linda Allen

On March 25, 2022, AC Supply Co. invited over 100 HVAC contractors and guest from around DFW to gather at the home of Ron Sturgeon and Linda Allen. AC Supply planned this event to showcase the unique engineering and design of the LG Air Technology systems that conditions the space.

Ron and Linda designed their home in the Linwood neighborhood of Fort Worth out of six 45 foot shipping containers with a steel centered superstructure. The 5,500 square foot home includes a 9 car garage, engineered glass floors, third floor swimming pool, and roof top track. Each room of the home is curated with jaw-dropping art and unique finds that objectify their eclectic style.

Ron partnered with AC Supply to design a HVAC system that is effective, efficient and beautiful.

"Ron's willingness and desire to be and do the unconventional has made us better system designers. Working with him has expanded our thoughts of what is possible. Doing what others are unwilling or afraid to do with HVAC equipment makes the mundane artistic" said James Fulton – Sales Director, AC Supply.

The main second floor living area is conditioned by an energy efficient LG vertical air handler with exposed duct. This traditional ducted infrastructure is a 4-way configurable unit that allows flexibility for this unique application and the opportunity to tuck the air handler behind the pantry in this attic free structure.

The remainder of the home is conditioned with 12 LG duct-free Art CoolTM Mirrored wall units. Art CoolTM Mirror duct-free systems feature sleek, mirror-finished indoor units, and outdoor units with energy-efficient Inverter technology. Inverter technology uses a variable speed compressor which is quieter to operate and uses less energy than conventional air conditioners. When the selected temperature is reached, the inverter compressor operates at low speed to maintain that comfort level.



Pictured Left To Right Randy Boyd, Kitty Boyd, Bob Norton, Lorie Quillin Bell, Linda Allen, Ron Sturgeon







Marketing Masters Winners Announced at ACCA 2022 Conference & Expo

Alexandria, VA— The Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) announced the winners of the Marketing Masters Awards, sponsored by RYNO Strategic Solutions, at the ACCA 2022 Conference & Expo, March 28-30 in St. Louis, MO.

The Marketing Masters Awards program, which is split into five categories, honors and recognizes the best marketing programs developed and implemented by HVACR contractors. The gold winners from each category will be voted on during ACCA 2022, March 28 – 30, 2022, for the title of Ultimate Marketing Master. Winners of the Marketing Masters Awards receive national recognition at ACCA's Conference & Expo and in a special Marketing Masters Portfolio distributed through ACCA Now magazine.

The Marketing Masters winners in our Region are:

Traditional Media – TV or Radio

Gold: Rosenberg Indoor Comfort, San
Antonio, TX

Connections through Social Media

 Gold: Quality Heating, Cooling, & Plumbing, Glenpool, OK

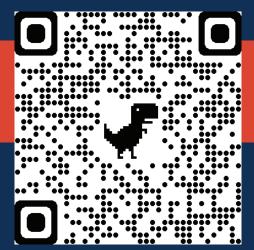
Rolling Marketing – Vehicles, sponsored by Adrian Steel

• Gold: Triple Play Home Services, Edmond, OK

"The winners' hard work, tenacity, and creativity has not only made their businesses stand out but has also shone a light on the vast skillset of the HVACR industry," said Barton James, ACCA president and CEO. "On behalf of the entire ACCA staff, congratulations."







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Fresh-Aire UV Donation Check to Folds of Honor

Fresh-Aire UV recently presented a donation check to Folds of Honor, whose local Dallas chapter includes Michael Hirsch, owner of Rescue Air and Folds of Honor Board Member. The company was honored to donate \$2,767 to this charity on behalf of the purchases of Patriot Carbon UV by Rescue Air thru and its wholesale partner Gemaire Distributors. Fresh-Aire UV looks forward to participating again next year and presenting an even larger check.

Fresh-Aire UV is a leading manufacturer of engineered IAQ products designed to improve indoor air quality while helping maintain a healthy HVAC system. The company offers a wide range of UVC germicidal light and activated carbon products used to purify the air and treat the HVAC equipment for residential and commercial applications. For more than 20 years, Fresh-Aire UV has manufactured these products in Jupiter, Florida, and as a proud USA manufacturer, has worked with many charities that support our military veterans across the nation.

The foundation and corporate culture at Fresh-Aire UV has always been about giving back, and since its beginning military charities have been a primary focus. Fresh-Aire UV



L-R: Mike Beltz- Board Member, Bart Gendt- Fresh-Aire UV Business Development Manager, Sarah Duncan- Board Member and former Folds of Honor scholarship recipient, Michael Hirsch- Board Member and owner of Rescue Air

currently offers a number of fundraising initiatives including its Patriot, Platinum and Warrior programs. These opportunities provide partnerships with contractors across the country and donations on their behalf to their charity-of-choice, including veteran and wounded-warrior organizations that support our brave men and women of the armed forces.

Doctor Cool & Professor Heat Recognized as ACCA 2022 Residential Contractor of the Year

Alexandria, VA- The Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) announces Doctor Cool & Professor Heat of League City, TX, as the ACCA 2022 Residential Contractor of the Year, sponsored by Honeywell.

Each year, ACCA's Residential Contractor of the Year award is presented to a contracting company that demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to contractor excellence. Finalists are judged on a range of qualities including community involvement, industry involvement, and a commitment to training and certifications. A panel of ACCA Past Chairmen judge the finalists and select the ACCA Residential Contractor of the Year winner. The 2022 judges were; Phil London, Thermal Concepts, Inc., Davie, FL; Tony Shaker, Enfinity Partners, LLC., Mashpee, MA; Steve Lauten, Total Air & Heat Co., Plano, TX; and Stan Johnson, retired.

"ACCA applauds Doctor Cool & Professor Heat for their proven greatness in HVACR," said Barton James, ACCA president and CEO. "With over 40 years serving the industry, customers can trust Doctor Cool & Professor heat to take care of all their HVACR needs. This is a well-deserved recognition, and we look forward to seeing their future accomplishments."

James Barry, Doctor Cool & Professor Heat president, received the Residential Contractor of the Year award at the 2022 ACCA Annual Conference & Expo, March 28-30 in St. Louis, MO.

"We are honored to be chosen as ACCA's 2022 Residential Contractor of the Year," said James Barry, Doctor Cool & Professor Heat owner. "In 1979, Doctor Cool & Professor Heat was started on the foundation that, "there is no right way to do the wrong thing." In addition to our company's core values, the resources provided by ACCA, including MIX Groups and business training classes, have helped us earn this level of prestigious recognition since becoming a member in the early 1980s."

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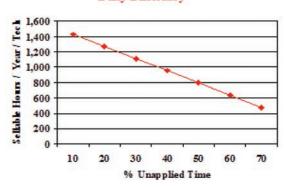
Service Agreements Can Save Your Bacon in This Market

Want to make more money in this ultra-competitive market? Service agreements could be an important part of that solution.

But how and why? Let's tackle the easy part of the questions: why? You need them because they will lock in (a) pre-paid cash flow (just don't blow it on toys right away), and (b) replacement-ready customers who won't shop you (98 times out of 100).

Now for the how. Start by looking at your current service capacity. (It would be foolish to launch a service agreement program if you have to hire more people to make it work.) You want to check your idle capacity.

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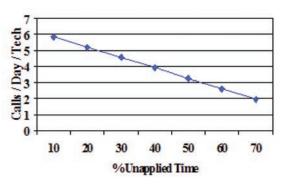


Start with this graph. It shows you how much billable time per year you have per service technician based on your current unbillable hours percentage. (If you don't measure unbillable hours, you'll have to guess at it. The average reported by such groups as SMACNA and ACCA shows that about 30% of a typical service tech's time is unbillable.)

Assuming you're average, at 30% unbillable time, you would have about 1,100 sellable hours a year. If the year contains 1,920 hours (48 weeks at 5 days a week at 8 hours a day maximum),

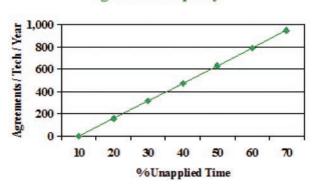
you would have about 800 hours of unsold labor. You could sell service agreements at a rate that could absorb some of those 800 hours (per tech).

Call Capacity



Now consider this graph. This translates your billable hours into service calls per day (assuming an average tech takes a little over an hour per call, counting drive time). That 30% unbillable time rate turns out to mean about 5 billable calls per day. There is room for perhaps 2 calls a day that have not been sold. Why not absorb them with service agreements?

Agreements Capacity



Finally, we can combine both of these graphs into a final graph that shows you what you need to know: your service agreement capacity with your current pool of service techs. Here is that graph. It shows



Richard Harshaw

how many agreements you could sell per service tech without having to hire new people. With a typical unbillable time rate of 30%, the typical service tech should be able to handle about 350 to 380 service agreements per year. To play it safe and keep a labor reserve for emergencies, you may want to plan on about 250 to 300 agreements per tech.

What could that mean for you in terms of cash? Suppose you had four service techs and you averaged 30% unbillable time. If you sold a two-inspection agreement for \$100 a year (to keep the math simple), that would mean anywhere from 1,000 to 1,200 agreements per year at \$100 a pop, or some \$100,000 to \$120,000 a year in pre-paid service and locked-in customers. Typical service agreement programs can run 20% net profit or higher, so you could pocket \$20K to \$25K for yourself! (Not to mention what would happen if you sold the agreements for \$125 a year, or even more...)

If you had your four techs running regular service calls and doing 250 to 300 agreements per year, your unbillable time would drop from 30% down to around 10% or less—a level most experts (including this one) would say is outstanding!

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If you have questions for Mr. Harshaw, send them to LLACKEY@AC-TODAY.COM



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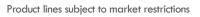


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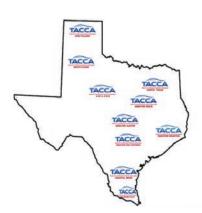
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The Texas Air Conditioning Contractors Association (TACCA) is a contractor-focused organization committed to a strong HVAC industry in Texas. With more than 50 years' experience helping contractors benefit from programs that include technical training, state-approved continuing education, and advocacy at state and local levels, TACCA continues to set the standard for the HVAC/R trade in Texas.

TACCA's New CE Course



On May 26, Tom Turner, Jon Esquivel, videographer Brian O'Neill, and I met up to film TACCA's 2022 continuing education course, "Duct Systems for Zoning". We received feedback last year from online students that the tag-team approach to instruction made for a more interesting online class, so Tom and Jon agreed to instruct for the filming again this year. Jon is in his second year of instructing for TACCA and has settled into the rhythm on teaching contractors for license renewal. As the developer of many of TACCA's CE courses over the last 14 years, Tom brings extensive knowledge of building science to the curriculum and is often able to offer deeper insight into the content.

Participants will come away with the proper perspective of zoning and what objectives should be addressed. We are fortunate to have members like Tom Turner and Jon Esquivel, as well as John Burg, Bruce Hamende, Tommy Jeter, Rick Moore, and Juan Villela, dedicated to developing and teaching our continuing education course.

Instructor Rick Moore Retires

Long-time TACCA instructor, Rick Moore, is retiring from teaching after more than 15 years teaching continuing education to contractors for TACCA. Rick has forty years of experience in HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and general contracting. He is licensed in multiple states as a Master Plumber, Master Electrician, and HVAC contractor. Additionally, he has been licensed as a Texas Water Specialist, Texas Irrigator, and Texas Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester. He has participated as a subject matter expert with Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, reviewing and researching the Texas ACR contractor exam stems, keys and distractors.

Rick has drawn upon a rich and diverse knowledge of HVAC, including familiarity with building codes, to teach classes for TACCA in the North Texas area. We are incredibly grateful to have had Rick's experience in our classes and wish him the very best in his new journey.

Duct Systems for Zoning

The 2022 continuing education course was created based on one of the commonly requested topics from class participants. Duct Systems for Zoning #25767 is an 8-hr course approved by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for HVAC license renewal and covers a ton of content including:

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Texas Law and Rules

See page B8 for the next continuing education opportunity for your area.

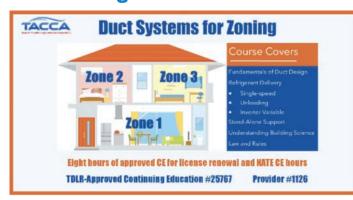
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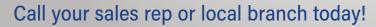
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The Lubbock Grand Opening was hosted on Thursday, April 7th with the support of vendors and local HVAC pros. It was a day full of brisket, prizes, and good times! Insco Distributing would

like to thank their vendors and customers for making the day a success.

Congratulations to the giveaway winners: Julio Nunez with Earl's Plumbing Heating and Air, Hunter Crockrell with Richard Meek Refrigeration, David Garcia with Earl's Plumbing Heating and Air, Martin Lara with Quality Air, and Joe Patrice with Southwestern R&R!

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HVAC Excellence Announces New Certified Master HVACR Educators



At their annual education conference, held this year in Las Vegas, Nevada, HVAC Excellence recognized those individuals who have recently completed the requirements for their coveted Certified Master HVACR Educator credential. This accolade, commonly known in the HVACR industry as CMHE, is awarded to dedicated instructors who passed a series of seven educator-level examinations in specific subject areas. Each of these examinations, which must be passed with a score of 80% or higher, earns an individual the title of Certified Subject Matter Educator, CSME.

This alone is a significant accomplishment. Successfully passing seven of these rigorous examinations is by no means an easy task to complete. At the time of this notice, there are over 450 Certified Subject Matter Educators and 130 Certified Master HVACR Educators. With the title of CHME being first bestowed upon an educator in 2004, the argument that this is indeed a coveted award is even further bolstered. This list now includes the following people who have had the title of Certified Master HVACR Educator bestowed up them.

- Jeremy Morehead: University of Arkansas at Pulaski Technical College in Little Rock, AR
 - Daniel Gamel: Brownson Technical School in Anaheim, CA
- John Thomson: Brownson Technical School in Anaheim, CA
- Tyrone Sheppard: Craft Cooling and Heating in East Point, GA
- Joseph Kloke: Waubonsee Community College in Sugar Grove, IL

- Ryan Crouse: Lincoln Technical Institute in Union, NJ
- Kurt Melendez: Lincoln Technical Institute in Union, NJ
- Daniel Lawson II: Lincoln Technical Institute in Union, NJ
- Roger Christenson: National Technical Institute in Las Vegas, NV
- Jason Miller: National Technical Institute i Las Vegas, NV
- Rodger Swann: Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Knoxville, TN
- LaDan Allen: Lincoln College of Technology in Grand Prairie, TX
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- Charles Oxner: Lincoln College of Technology in Grand Prairie, TX

It takes an educator, on average, 5 years to complete the requirements to become a Certified Master HVACR Educator. But once the title has been earned, the work is far from over. In order to maintain the CMHE credential, instructors must obtain a minimum of ten professional development hours each year. This continuing professional development requirement helps ensure that instructors remain up to date on new and emerging technologies, while honing their instructional delivery techniques.

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2022 PHCC Texas Annual Conference

<u>PHCC- Texas held their Annual Conference at the Kalahari Resort in Round Rock TX on April 4th-6th. The conference was a way to hear from industry experts, catch up on the latest business-related trends, visit with participating vendors, and connect with colleagues from around the state. Thanks to the sponsors Federated Insurance, Rheem, Milwaukee Tools and Pepco Sales.</u>















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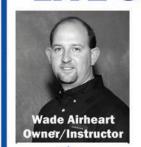
The Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation adopted amendments to existing rules at 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 60, Subchapter K, §§60.501, 60.510, 60.512, 60.514 and 60.518, and a new rule at Subchapter K, §60.519, regarding the Procedural Rules of the Commission and the Department. The adopted rules implement House Bill (HB) 139, 87th Legislature, Regular Session (2021) by updating current rule definitions from Chapter 55, Occupations Code; providing for a procedure in rule to allow a non-resident military spouse to obtain eligibility for occupational licenses that require in-state residency; and correcting, updating and removing obsolete references to past bills no longer needed in the current rule subchapter.

The adoption justification was published in the April 22, 2022, issue of the Texas Register (47 TexReg 2127). The updated rule chapter will be made available upon its effective date of May 1, 2022.



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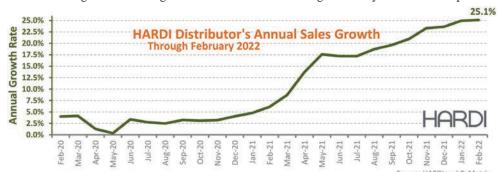
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HARDI

HARDI Distributors Report 27.1% Percent Revenue Increase in February

Columbus, Ohio- Heating, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI) released its monthly TRENDS report, showing the average sales performance by HARDI distributors was an increase of 27.1% percent during February 2022.

The average annual sales growth for the 12 months through February 2022 is 25.1% percent.



"The sales gain this month was not a surprise, but it is not normal just because ten of the past twelve months have been increased by at least 20%," said HARDI Market Research & Benchmarking Analyst Brian Loftus. "This has occurred only fifteen times during the past ten years. The unusual growth began with the very easy comparisons versus the COVID interruptions, then received an extra boost by the extraordinary price increases that are being passed through. What goes up must slow down and it looks like this annual growth rate line has peaked."

The Days Sales Outstanding, a measure of how quickly customers pay their bills, was 43.2 days at the end of February 2022. "The February 2022 DSO is comparable to February 2021. This rate is considerably better than the pre-pandemic norm for February in the 49-day area," said Loftus.

"The exceptional TRENDS performance has been following the exceptional jobs recovery," said Loftus. "March was the eleventh consecutive month with more than four hundred thousand jobs added. The six-month average number of number of jobs added was 600K through January and February. This has led to higher demand which leads to higher prices. Now interest rates are starting to recover, and this TRENDS growth rate line will be rolling over. What goes up, must slow down."

HARDI members do not receive financial compensation in exchange for their monthly sales data and can discontinue their participation without prior notice or penalty. Participation is voluntary, and the depth of market coverage varies from region to region. An independent entity collects and compiles the data that can include products not directly associated with the HVACR industry.

HARDI (Heating, Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Distributors International) is the single voice of wholesale distribution within the HVACR industry. HARDI members market, distribute, and support heating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration equipment, parts and supplies. HARDI Distributor members serve installation and service/replacement contractors in residential and commercial markets, as well as commercial/industrial and institutional maintenance staffs. HARDI proudly represents more than 460 distributor members representing more than 5,000 branch locations, and close to 500 supplier, manufacturer representative and service vendor members.

HARDI and Joint Petitioners File Brief in Lawsuit Against the EPA

Columbus, Ohio- Heating, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI) and the joint petitioners have filed the first brief in Heating, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to overturn the non-refillable cylinder ban and QR-code tracking requirement for HFC refrigerants. HARDI is joined in the lawsuit by Air Conditioning Contractors of America, Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors - National Association, and Worthington Industries.

Attorneys have developed arguments against both the non-refillable cylinder ban and the QR code tracking mandate stating they are both unlawful because they exceed the authority granted to the EPA by the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act (AIM Act) and because the finalized regulations are arbitrary and capricious. The EPA has until June 6, 2022, to respond to the brief that HARDI and the joint petitioners filed.

"The brief submitted by the petitioners is a strong argument to see these unlawful regulations are overturned. The arguments outlined several case precedents showing how the courts have rejected agency action that exceeds the authority granted by Congress," said Alex Ayers, HARDI's Director of Government Affairs. Ayers added, "We believe this litigation is necessary to protect our industry from unnecessary agency overreach. HARDI fully supported the AIM Act and we want to see EPA enact regulations in accordance with the authorities granted by law."

The non-refillable cylinder ban and QR-code tracking requirement are compliance regulations finalized as part of the EPA's allocation rule which establishes the framework for phasing down the production and consumption of HFCs including common refrigerants used in the HVACR industry. HARDI and the joint petitioners are fully supportive of the HFC phase-down, however the included compliance measures go beyond the intention of the AIM Act.

Individuals and businesses who support the legal defense fund can donate on HARDI's website.



The 2022 HARDI Southwest Regional Conference will be held in the beautiful and historic Charleston, South Carolina at Charleston Place. This year's conference runs June 12 through June 14 and will allow ample time for exploring this charming city. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 31 and the last day to book a room using our negotiated room rate is May 21. Please reach out to helen@gunderassociates.com with any questions.

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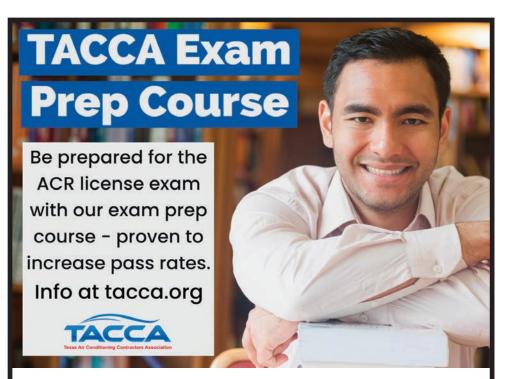
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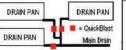
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