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### **AMCA CONFERS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD UPON ED AND LEE BUDDRUS OF ACME**

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill., January 23, 2015 – The Air Movement and Control Association (AMCA) International Inc. has conferred its 2014 Distinguished Service Award upon two recipients, Ed Buddrus (posthumously) and his son, Lee Buddrus, president of Acme Engineering and Manufacturing Corp., Muskogee, Okla.

Since 2001, AMCA has presented the Distinguished Service Award to those with a long history of providing exceptional service to their industry, their community and AMCA. The 2014 award for Ed and Lee Buddrus was presented by AMCA President Geoffrey Sheard during the AMCA International 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Chicago, Ill.

Sheard said, “This is the first time in the history of AMCA International that the Distinguished Service Award has been conferred upon two individuals from the same company. AMCA recognizes the leadership role family-owned businesses have in the air systems industry. Ed Buddrus’ passing in 2014 gave the AMCA Board of Directors cause to reflect on industry pioneers and Ed’s considerable industry and community service, while also recognizing the outstanding accomplishments and service of Lee Buddrus.”

#### **About Lee Buddrus**

Lee Buddrus is the president and owner of Acme Engineering and Manufacturing Corp., a producer of commercial, industrial, agricultural and horticultural ventilation. He served as president of AMCA in 2004–2005 and is the chair of the AMCA Air Movement Code Action and Review Committee, which he started in 2006. As chair, Buddrus helped establish AMCA’s reputation as a thought leader in the development of energy efficiency provisions for fans in U.S. model codes and standards, including ASHRAE Standards 90.1 and 189.1, the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code and the 2012 International Green Construction Code. Buddrus also serves on AMCA committees involved with energy efficiency regulation being developed by the U.S. Department of Energy.

### **About Ed Buddrus**

Ed Buddrus was born in Muskogee Okla. in 1921 and passed away on February 15, 2014, at the age of 92. Buddrus worked at Acme for 65 years, serving 17 years as president and 22 years as chairman of the board. During his leadership, Acme became one of Muskogee's largest manufacturers. Buddrus was a firm believer in AMCA and its mission, serving two terms as its president in 1974 and 1984.

Images of Ed and Lee Buddrus can be found in [AMCA's public press folder](#).

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### **About AMCA International**

*The Air Movement and Control Association (AMCA) International Inc. is a not-for-profit trade association with more than 330 member companies worldwide representing more than \$3 billion in annual revenue. AMCA's mission is to advance the health, growth and integrity of the air movement and control industry, with programs like certified ratings, verification of compliance and international standard development. AMCA also advocates for model codes, regulations and utility incentive programs that promote efficiency and life safety. **For more information about AMCA, visit [www.amca.org](http://www.amca.org).***



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