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SPECIAL ISSUE

American Electric Power, Clark Publishing and Boneal, Inc. honored with the 2002 Kentucky Industry of the Year Awards

American Electric Power (AEP), Clark Publishing and Communications and Boneal, Inc. are the 2002 recipients of the Kentucky Industry of the Year Award, presented by Associated Industries of Kentucky (AIK) and sponsored by Ashland Inc.

The three winning companies were set to be honored Friday, Nov. 8 at AIK's annual meeting and Kentucky Industry of the Year Award celebration in Louisville, sponsored by 35 AIK member companies (see list, page 2). The awards were to be presented by keynote speaker U.S. Senator Jim Bunning, AIK President/CEO

Andrew C. Meko and Ashland Inc. Vice President Martha Johnson. (Editor's note -- Due to press deadline, details of the AIK meeting and awards celebration will be featured in the next issue of this publication.)

Sen. Bunning honored

In addition, Sen. Bunning was set to be presented the National Association of Manufacturers Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence in recognition of his outstanding voting record on key legislation affecting the manufacturing community.

Awards Showcase Industry Contributions to Commonwealth

"The Kentucky Industry of the Year Awards were created by AIK in 2001 to showcase the entrepreneurial spirit, community leadership and policy contributions made by Kentucky industry to the economic success of the Commonwealth," said Mr. Meko in making the announcement.

"The companies honored with this award exemplify corporate excellence and citizenship, setting a high standard for Kentucky industry to follow. This award is meant to ensure their positive contributions to our economic and social quality of life are recognized and appreciated. We were pleased to have a number of exceptionally qualified candidates to choose from, a clear sign that industry in Kentucky enhances all our lives."

"Without a doubt, Kentucky is blessed with hundreds of small and large companies that are world-class in their industry," added Ms. Johnson, who chaired the panel of distinguish-

ed judges representing industry, educational institutions and trade associations.

2002 Recipients



American Electric Power, an Eastern Kentucky-based electric utility, was honored as the winner in the Large Industry category (see citation, page 3). AEP is the largest generator of electricity in the United States and ranks among North America's top providers of wholesale power and natural gas. In Kentucky, nearly 500 AEP employees serve over 172,000 electricity customers in 20 Eastern Kentucky counties. The company was cited for its exceptional customer satisfaction rating and low electricity rates, as well as its outstanding environmental stewardship record and commitment to supporting educational organizations in the Commonwealth.



Boneal, Inc. in Means, Ky. was honored as the winner in the Mid-Sized Industry category (see citation, page 6). Committed to providing contract manufacturing solutions to private industry and prime contracting services to government agencies, Boneal operates a custom plastic injection molding plant in Buckner and an outdoor power equipment technical development plant and sales office in Lexington. The company was cited for its "Manufacturing Solutions" business model and high-quality products, ranging from high



volume production for "Just In Time" delivery to "single piece" rapid prototypes. It was praised for its long-term support of educational projects in Eastern Kentucky and its support of multiple community organizations.



Clark Publishing and Communications in Lexington was honored as the winner in the Small Industry category (see citation, page 4). Clark is a diversified company whose services include print and electronic publishing, professional development training to schools and businesses, production of multi-media programs and management of the Lexington office of the McConnell Technology and Training Center (MTTC). The company was honored for its roster of outstanding publications, workforce safety training and investigative services for business and educational institutions, and management of MTTC's PC Essentials, Quality Management Systems and Business Skills programs. Company executives were recognized for their involvement in local, state and national affairs through small business support initiatives and educational and family programs.

Selection Committee

Members of the selection committee included Ms. Johnson; Dr. Keith Bird, chancellor, Technical Colleges, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Lexington; Ken Carroll, executive director, Bluegrass State Skills Corporation, Frankfort; Vicki Ladt, president, Ladt Consulting Services, Paducah; Michael Mountjoy, managing director, Carpenter & Mountjoy, Louisville; Frank Salisbury, Resource Development Director, Ashland Community & Technical College; and James Graham, director of the Information Technology Resource Center (iRTC) at the University of Louisville Shelby Campus.

2001 Winners

Griffin Industries of Cold Springs and **Shelby Industries** of Shelbyville were named inaugural winners of the Kentucky Industry of the Year Award at AIK's 90th Anniversary Celebration in November 2001 in the Large and Small categories, respectively. Due to the large number of applicants, the Mid-Sized Industry category was added in 2002.



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