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## **Electro-Federation Canada Names Bob Shapiro 2016 Industry Recognition Award Recipient**

Toronto, ON, April 13, 2016 – Electro-Federation Canada (EFC), a national, not-for-profit industry association, presented its 2016 Industry Recognition Award (IRA) to Bob Shapiro, President of Franklin Empire. This award was presented during the EFC Annual General Meeting on April 13th.

A graduate electrical engineer, Bob joined his father's business, Franklin Electric, as a salesman. Eventually succeeding his father as President and overseeing the acquisition of speciality distributor EW Playford. His leadership resulted in Franklin Playford merging with Empire Electric forming Franklin Empire. Bob has been active in the electrical industry in Canada and an EFC advocate and a Director on the Board.

"Bob is a leader in our industry and has been a great mentor to the next generation of workers in EFC's Young Professionals Network. He demonstrates strong leadership through active involvement in our industry," said Jim Taggart, EFC President & CEO.

Electro-Federation Canada's Industry Recognition Award (IRA) is presented annually to an individual who has influenced the Canadian electrical industry, either as a current or retired industry delegate, or as an industry supporter. An IRA Nomination Committee, which consists of select EFC members, calls out to members for nominations early each year. The committee acts as a screening panel for nomination entries and selects the recipient based on award criteria.

Past Industry Recognition Award recipients include:

- Harald Henze, WESCO- 2015
- Charlie Cipolla, Rockwell Automation- 2014
- Doug Baldwin, Schneider Electric- 2013
- Wayne Donaldson, Rexel Canada Electrical- 2012
- René Marineau, Philips/Canlyte Inc.- 2011
- Richard (Dick) Waterman, Rexel – 2010
- Pat Costello, Toshiba of Canada Limited - 2010
- Michael Kenney, Thomas & Betts - 2009
- Bill Buckley, ShawCor Ltd. - 2008
- Ken Gerrie, Gerrie Electric Wholesale Limited - 2007
- William E. Saylor, Rexel Canada - 2006
- Reginald D. Gemmill, Whirlpool Canada LP - 2006
- John H. MacDonald, Ideal Supply Company Limited - 2005
- Gerald G. Dunnigan, Techspan Industries Inc. - 2004
- Robert T.E. Gillespie, General Electric Canada Inc. - 2003

- Jeannine Guillevin Wood, Guillevin International Inc. - 2002
- William Torrance, Rockwell Automation Canada Inc. - 2001
- George Horsman, E.B. Horsman & Son - 2000
- James G. Sinneave, EECOL Electric Ltd. – 2000

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Electro-Federation Canada (EFC) is a national, not-for-profit industry association. Together, its councils represent over 250 member companies that manufacture, distribute and service electrical, electronics, and telecommunications products; contributing over \$10B to the Canadian economy and employing more than 40,000 workers in more than 1,200 facilities across Canada.

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