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Thomas & Betts Donates \$20,000 to the Mid-South IEC

MEMPHIS, TN. – At the Mid-South Independent Electrical Contractors' (IEC) Apprenticeship Graduation Dinner and Ceremony, held on June 9, 2015, Thomas & Betts announced a substantial donation of \$20,000 toward the Apprenticeship Programs at the Mid-South IEC.

"I am extremely honored and excited for this wonderful and generous donation", stated Walt Czynnik, Executive Director of Mid-South IEC. "This donation will be used to significantly enhance the training we provide to our more than 100 annual apprentices."

The Mid-South IEC Four-Year Apprenticeship Program provides students with on-the-job training as well as 576 hours of classroom education with hands-on electrical labs to increase their understanding of their electrical career. Additionally, these apprentices receive a systematic hourly wage increase. Apprentices enter the field of electrician on an in-demand career path and graduate as highly-skilled professionals.

Thomas & Betts Corporation is a leading designer and manufacturer of electrical components used in industrial and commercial markets and their corporate office is located in Memphis, Tennessee.

"Thomas & Betts recognizes that the National IEC, IEC Foundation, and the Mid-South IEC play significant roles in the development of first-class electrical apprentices," said David Kendall, Director-Industry Affairs for Thomas & Betts, a Member of the ABB Group. "The potential impact for this donation will support the training, education, and growth of future electrical apprentices at the Mid-South IEC."

"Thomas & Betts is truly an IEC partner in building the future of the electrical and low voltage industries," added Czynnik.

The Mid-South IEC is a volunteer membership organization incorporated in 1992 to serve entrepreneur electrical and low voltage contractors and their employees. It is a chapter of a national organization established in 1957 representing almost 3,500 members with more than 50 chapters nationwide. The Mid-South IEC serves more than 100 members and partners who employ electrical and low voltage workers in West Tennessee, Northern Mississippi, and Eastern Arkansas. Mid-South IEC aggressively works with the industry to establish a competitive environment for the merit shop – a philosophy that promotes the concept of free enterprise, open competition, and economic opportunity for all.