



It is a pleasure to announce that Mid-South IEC received the 2010 National IEC's Apprenticeship Chapter of the Year Award at the 53rd Annual National IEC Convention and Electric Expo in Phoenix, Arizona.

This past year has been **monumental** for the Mid-South IEC's apprenticeship program. Due to intensive research and attention to detail, the Mid-South IEC has been approved as a Training Provider for the Workforce Investment Network. The chapter was able to get **100%** of the apprentices (over 120) approved for WIN funding that lead to **zero cost** to the apprentices on their tuition, books and even tools for **all** the 1st year apprentices. Additionally the Mid-South IEC hosted over a **20% increase** in the number of apprentices for 2010.

“It is truly an honor to receive this prestigious award”, said Walt Czyrnik the Executive Director. He continued “what makes this award even more special is that it reflects on the positive impact the organization has had in the lives of the apprentices, their families and the IEC Contractors. Providing quality education for these apprentices and assisting them in maintaining a job while they are being trained for a career in the electrical and low voltage industry not only helps the apprentices develop a long term career, but also aids in the future growth of the electrical industry”.

While it's not required in Tennessee to obtain a journeymen electrician's license to graduate, the Mid-South IEC always encourages the graduating 4th year apprentices to take the Arkansas Journeymen Electrician's Exam, better themselves with self growth and self development. On a strictly volunteer basis, the vast majority of the 4th year graduating apprentices took the Arkansas Electrician's Exam. **We are pleased to announce that 100% of them passed the first time!** The passing rate is normally 30%. The Mid-South IEC is extremely excited and proud of this accomplishment.

The Apprenticeship Chapter of the Year Award recognizes an IEC chapter apprenticeship program that has demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in growth and development on both a local and national level.

The Mid-South IEC is a volunteer membership organization incorporated in 1992 to serve entrepreneur electrical and low voltage contactors and their employees. It is a chapter of a national organization established in 1957 representing almost 3,500 members with more than 68 chapters nationwide. The Mid-South IEC serves over 110 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.