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Bart Graves of John E. Quarles Lumber Co. and Aaron Elliott of DW Distribution Inc. to be honored at annual convention

AUSTIN, Texas (June 7, 2021) – The Lumbermen’s Association of Texas (LAT), a non-profit trade association that represents lumber and building material dealers, announced today its 2020 Dealer of the Year and 2020 Associate of the Year awardees.

The dealer award is based on dedication to LAT and the industry, service to customers, participation in civic and community affairs and developing camaraderie among LAT members. Bart Graves, Vice President and General Manager at John E. Quarles Co. has been selected by the LAT membership as its 2020 Dealer of the Year. Graves served as President of LAT’s Board of Directors in 2007 and continues to engage as an Ex-Officio Director.

“LAT membership has been a dependable source of inspiration and support throughout my career,” said Graves. “I deeply value the friendships and the opportunities to collaborate with my peers to advocate in Austin on behalf of our industry and to bring others along to support our mission. This recognition is a profound honor.”

The associate award is based on level of service to LAT’s dealer members and dedication to and engagement with LAT for the betterment of the industry. Aaron Elliott, President at DW Distribution, Inc., has been selected by the LAT membership as its 2020 Associate of the Year. Elliott serves on LAT’s Board of Directors where he helps lead the organization to accomplish its mission.

“I am so incredibly honored – especially from a group of people I respect and care about so much,” said Elliott. “You inspire me every day to serve our industry to the best of my ability so that we can continue to help others build and achieve their Great American Dream.”

“Bart and Aaron are industry leaders who generously give of their time and expertise to serve the LAT membership,” said Harley “Bubba” Finnell, President of the LAT Board of Directors and

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President at Oldham Lumber Company. "We look forward to bestowing on these leaders our association's most prestigious honor as it is well deserved."

The awards will be presented at the 135th LAT Convention & Expo: Framing the Future in Frisco, Texas on September 14, 2021. For more information, please visit www.lat.org

About the Lumbermen's Association of Texas

Founded in 1886, the Lumbermen's Association of Texas (LAT) is a non-profit trade association that represents lumber and building material dealers, a majority independent, multi-generational family-owned businesses. Headquartered in Austin, Texas, LAT staff engages its volunteer membership in advancing public policy at the state and federal level and in hosting an annual convention and expo, the largest gathering of CEOs/Principals of Texas' building material industry. LAT's mission is to create unity, strength and a spirit of cooperation among building material suppliers to advance the industry. To learn more about us visit lat.org.

About John E. Quarles Lumber Co.

John E. Quarles Lumber Co. is a family-run lumberyard supplying wood, building supplies, including windows and doors, located in Fort Worth, Texas serving the needs of contractors, builders and homeowners since 1901.

About DW Distribution Inc.

DW Distribution is a fully owned subsidiary of DWBSI. DW Distribution, based in DeSoto, TX, is a 66-year-old, third-generation distributor of building materials, millwork products and pre-hung door units. DW is committed to serving customers in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, and New Mexico.

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