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CommScope's Edwards Receives Distinguished Career Award from WCMA

HICKORY, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Eddie Edwards, president and chief executive officer, [CommScope, Inc.](#), will be one of eight recipients of the [Wire and Cable Manufacturers' Alliance's](#) (WCMA) [2015 Distinguished Career Award](#).



The award will be presented to Edwards during the 31st annual Awards Dinner and Investiture Ceremony on March 28, 2015, in Hartford, Conn. at the Connecticut Convention Center. The WCMA's board of directors selects the new yearly recipients from those of strong character and creditability who have made significant commercial or technical contributions over a minimum 25-year industry career.

"I am honored to be receiving this award from the WCMA because of what it represents within the wire and cable industry," Edwards said. "While our portfolio of industry solutions has evolved, everyone understands just how important cabling is to evolving network infrastructure—both wired and wireless. The WCMA is to be commended for providing leadership and a strong voice for wire and cable manufacturing companies and their employees. I'm also proud of all of our accomplishments here at CommScope. We continue to drive innovation in networks and technologies with high-performance and high-quality products while also helping our customers solve their business challenges."

Edwards was named to the company's top position and to the board of directors in January 2011, following the completion of the merger with The Carlyle Group when CommScope became a private company. Since then, CommScope returned to being a publicly traded company following its initial public offering in October 2013.

Edwards previously served as CommScope's president and chief operating officer since January 2010. Before that, he served as executive vice president of business development and general manager, Wireless Network Solutions, since December 2007. He previously served as executive vice president of business development and the chairman of a CommScope wholly owned subsidiary, Connectivity Solutions Manufacturing, Inc.

Edwards also served as president and chief executive officer of OFS Fitel, LLC and OFS Brightwave, LLC, a joint venture between CommScope and The Furukawa Electric Co. Before CommScope,

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Edwards also served in various capacities with Alcatel, including president of Alcatel North America Cable Systems and president of Radio Frequency Systems.

"Timing couldn't be better having Eddie Edwards receive this award at the same time CommScope is completing yet another significant industry acquisition in the datacomm cable and connectivity industry, said Ed Fenton, chairman, WCMA. "Apart from that, this recognition continues our history of recognizing other CommScope executives receiving this award. We are thrilled Mr. Edwards has a chance to talk about leading this team."

The Wire & Cable Manufacturers' Alliance (WCMA) is a non-profit trade association for manufacturers of electrical, electronic and fiber optic wire and cable with an established manufacturing base in North America, including the producers of signal and current-carrying wire and fiber, the producers of bulk cables, and wire and cable processors. WCMA was established in 2004 as the successor organization to the Wire & Cable Clubs of America which began the Distinguished Career Award in 1984. WCMA currently has 80 corporate members, with nearly 250 company representatives, concentrated mainly in the northeastern United States.

Edwards joins Frank M. Drendel, chairman of the board and co-founder; Randall W. Crenshaw, executive vice president and chief operating officer; Rob Wessels, vice president, Cable Research and Development; Kevin St. Cyr, senior vice president,

Enterprise; Christopher Story, senior vice president, Global Operations; and Brian D. Garrett, former president and chief operating officer, as fellow CommScope employees who also received WCMA Distinguished Career Awards.

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