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**HD Supply Waterworks Awarded 2011 National Utility Contractors Association Associate Member of the Year Award**

**Thomasville, GA – March 21, 2012** – HD Supply Waterworks, the nation’s leader in the water, wastewater, storm and fire protection industries, today announced it was awarded the 2011 National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) Associate Member of the Year Award at the annual NUCA Convention held in Fort Worth, Texas on March 12-16.

“HD Supply Waterworks has been an active and dedicated associate member since NUCA’s inception, lending strong support to our advocacy program and annual convention,” stated Ryan Schmitt, NUCA’s Chairman of the Board and President of Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors.

The award is given annually to one associate member that has made significant contributions to NUCA, the underground utility construction and excavation industry.

“It is an extreme honor to receive the NUCA Associate Member of the Year Award,” said Jerry Webb, CEO of HD Supply Waterworks. “Over the years, we’ve had opportunities to work with the NUCA team on legislative issues that affect our industry and assist in efforts to advance investment in water and wastewater infrastructure.”

In 2009, Jerry Webb and Eben Wyman, Vice President of Government Affairs for NUCA met with members of the House and Senate in Washington D.C. to highlight the need for significant improvement in the nation’s water and wastewater infrastructure and to ensure provisions for rehabilitation and repair of the systems were included in the recently enacted American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009.

**About HD Supply Waterworks**

HD Supply Waterworks, an HD Supply business, is the nation’s leader in the water, wastewater, storm and fire protection industries. The business distributes a complete line of water, sewer, fire protection and storm drain products, integral to building, repairing and maintaining water and wastewater systems that are part of the basic municipal infrastructure required to support population and economic growth and residential and commercial construction. It currently operates more than 240 branches in 44 states.

**About HD Supply**

HD Supply ([www.hdsupply.com](http://www.hdsupply.com)) is one of the largest industrial distribution companies in North America. Through a diverse portfolio of industry-leading businesses and more than 80 years of experience, the company provides a broad range of products and services to approximately 450,000 professional customers in the infrastructure and energy, maintenance, repair and improvement, and specialty construction markets. With approximately 680 locations across 45 states and nine Canadian provinces, the company’s 14,500 associates provide localized,

customer-driven services including jobsite delivery, will call or direct-ship options, diversified logistics and innovative solutions that contribute to its customers' success.

### **About NUCA**

The largest national trade association working solely for the excavation and utility construction industry, the Fairfax, VA-based NUCA has a nationwide network of chapters and represents company members that provide the workforce and materials to advance the water, sewer, gas, electric, telecommunications, excavation and construction site development industries across the country. Founded in 1964, NUCA continues to be the driving force for improving conditions in the industry by advancing and protecting the profession in the legislative and regulatory arenas and delivering the latest in safety and professional education.

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