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PRECO Electronics® Recognizes Fernando Figueroa with the 2018 Excellence in Safety Award® *Celebrating the Top Safety Leader of the Year*

Boise, Idaho – San Antonio, Texas – March 20, 2019 – PRECO Electronics® is proud to announce Fernando Figueroa, President, and co-founder of [Curv Compliance](#), as the winner of the 2018 Excellence in Safety Award®. Figueroa has built his career on keeping employees safe, well trained, and knowledgeable to reduce injuries and illnesses in the workplace. In honoring those who educate and take action to improve safety on and off the worksite, PRECO strives to support and bolster the significant difference safety leaders like Figueroa make across the globe.

Figueroa is recognized for his initiative in launching Curv, a safety and compliance-focused consulting company. Designed to provide safety training, compliance audits, inspections, education, and guidance for businesses in need of industry-specific compliance resources, Curv implements corrective action processes to establish safe and effective operations. Figueroa serves as a board member for Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and many other organizations, as well as serving as Chair for the AGC Education Committee.

From an early age, Figueroa was exposed to worksites through his father and earned discipline and leadership skills throughout his eight years in the United States Marine Corps. After serving, he began a career in construction and was quickly selected to be a safety leader. Using his experience, Figueroa soon realized the impact a shared understanding of regulations and accident causation could have on reducing incident rates.

“The biggest safety issues I see are the lack of training and tools provided to employees,” Figueroa said. “Many companies aren’t putting safety at the forefront, primarily due to the perceived cost. Safety tends to be an afterthought, especially for smaller construction companies who are more likely to experience accidents, so I work to educate about the upfront costs and how they end up saving money in the long run when they invest in safety.”

Before starting Curv, Figueroa worked as the Safety Director for [Yantis Company](#), who nominated him for the award. At Yantis, Figueroa began training and conducting site inspections, and successfully built a connection with his workforce. These relationships allowed Figueroa to improve adoption, getting workers on board with his safety initiatives.

Figueroa now works to make Curv a top outreach training center to help provide low-cost community training and continue to provide construction companies with the tools necessary to meet and exceed OSHA regulations. Under his leadership, Curv has been named the three-time recipient of the San Antonio, AGC chapter ‘ACE TINCH Service Provider of the Year’ award, as well as the 2017 Bubba Muller Award for Outstanding Service.

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PRECO appreciates the growing participation and nominations for the award. It is an honor to be among outstanding safety leaders such as our nominees and to hear from those who support and recognize their hard work and dedication to safety. For more information, please contact Reyna Clow at rclow@preco.com, or visit our [website](#).

About the Excellence in Safety Award

As a leader in safety, PRECO Electronics established the Excellence in Safety Award to honor safety professionals for their initiative and commitment to the advancement of safety within their community, business or industry. The Excellence in Safety Award honors those with exceptional proofs of innovation, leadership, vision, and best practices in safety within heavy-duty industries.

This award is intended to recognize an individual that demonstrates excellence in advancing best safety practices throughout the community, business or industry by continuously going above and beyond to integrate, innovate, and educate others to inspire change and improve safety.

Award Criteria

- Initiative: The nominee demonstrates leadership, initiates open discussions, introduces programs, and gives voice to safety concerns within the industry, community, or business.
- Involvement: The nominee takes an active role in industry associations, community safety programs, and/or business/legislative policy changes to advance safety.
- Innovative: The nominee is creative and imaginative; introduces new ideas and suggestions to move safety into the forefront of the community, legislature, business or industry they serve.

About PRECO Electronics

As the global leader in collision mitigation technologies for over 70 years, PRECO Electronics strives to mitigate risk, while eliminating accident-related injuries and fatalities through active blind spot monitoring. Keeping pace with the evolving needs of the industry, PRECO's engineering team proudly continues their innovative advances in new safety technologies.

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