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## Ken Miller Selected for Herman C. Potthast Award

Friendship, WI (February 15, 2016) – Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative (ACEC) Manager - Safety Ken Miller was recently selected as the winner of the *2016 Herman C. Potthast Award*. With his family and co-workers looking on, Miller received the award in Madison during Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's annual Education and Lobby Day.

The Potthast award, given annually since 1973, recognizes the worker in Wisconsin rural electrification who best represents the dedication, leadership, cooperation and service that were exemplified by its namesake. Potthast was instrumental in designing and implementing job training and safety programs, both in Wisconsin and nationwide between the 1940s and 1970s.

In presenting the award, ACEC's CEO Marty Hillert noted that Miller began his career as a summer safety intern while a college student. Hillert credited him with safety leadership at the local, state, and national levels and active involvement with the National Utility Training and Safety Education Association. "In every way, he exemplifies the attributes of this award," Hillert said.

"Front line co-op personnel have the answers," Miller said, advising the assembled cooperative directors and employees to involve them and seek out their views where training and safety issues are concerned.

As a Potthast recipient, Miller's name will be engraved on the Award's face. Other past recipients with ties to ACEC includes: Jon Steinhaus (1984), Chuck Parr (1989), Jon Ebert (2002), and Allan Klaus (2005). The impressive traveling award will be on display at Adams-Columbia's Friendship Office until the 2017 Potthast Award recipient is named.

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