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Orgill, Inc. Recognized With Prestigious Presidential Export Award

COLLIERVILLE, TENNESSEE—Orgill, Inc., was one of 43 U.S. companies recognized this week by Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross with the President's "E" Award, which honors companies throughout the country that export U.S. goods and services.

The Presidential "E" Award is the highest recognition any U.S. entity can receive for making a significant contribution to expanding U.S. exports. This year marks the 56th anniversary of the award. The 2018 honorees come from 18 states and include 33 small and medium-sized businesses and 17 manufacturers.

"We are honoured to be among the select group of companies recognized with the Presidential 'E' Star Award," says Orgill chairman, president and CEO Ron Beal.

Orgill received its first "E" award in 2014. This year, Orgill was honored with an "E" Star Award for Exports, which recognizes previous "E" awardees who have reported four years of additional export growth.

"Receiving the 'E' Star award this year after having received the 'E' award four years ago shows how we continue to grow and support the global economy through our consistent export business," says Jerry Cardwell, Orgill's senior vice president of international sales. "What's more, it shows the dedication and diligence of our fantastic employees who go the extra mile to help our customers grow and strengthen their businesses."

Memphis-based Orgill, Inc., was founded in 1847 and is the world's largest independently owned hardlines distributor. It provides retailers in nearly 60 countries around the world with access to more than 75,000 products from its seven distribution centers and three export consolidation facilities. It continues to grow at a rapid rate, with annual sales exceeding \$2 billion in 2017.

The "E" Award was created in 1961 when President John F. Kennedy signed an executive order to recognize companies that make up America's exporters. The companies honored this year helped export more than \$2 trillion worth of U.S. goods and services in 2017.

To learn more about Orgill, visit www.orgill.ca. To learn more about the Presidential "E" Award, visit www.export.gov.

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