



## Monte Ewing presented with Distinguished Service Award by national Rural Electrical Resource Council

Wisconsin Department of Commerce Safety and Buildings Division Electrical Engineering Consultant

Monte Ewing has been instrumental throughout the years with the development of the State of Wisconsin Agriculture Re-wire Program and the implementation and training directly related to the effective delivery of this program.

Ewing participates in the preparation and presentation of technical papers, code interpretations, national standards and advanced training materials for the continuing education of government officials, industry professionals and the general public, as related to agriculture wiring.

Ewing has made it his independent mission to assist the rural community in understanding and applying the standards as they relate to wiring completed within the agricultural environment. This past year, he inspected and approved over \$5 million worth of agricultural wiring projects. He consistently works with the utilities, electricians and farm owners to ensure they understand the scope of what needs to be accomplished to meet the minimum code requirements while also systematically reviewing the work to ensure the installation is being accomplished correctly.

Ewing's peers recognize his ability to look toward the future and see things that require attention and improvement. He's a contemporary leader in the energy compliance field, he has often identified gaps between what exists today, and an improved state that can be created in the future:' stated Mark Cook, Senior General Manager, Rural Electric Power Services.

Ewing has also been deeply involved in the Alliant Energy Farm Wiring Program, which provides grants for approved farm wiring projects. The success of the utility-funded Farm Wiring Program was dependant on electricians being specifically trained on proper farm wiring practices. From one generation to the next, electrical codes and equipment have changed, but the wiring on many area farms had not been updated.

Monte Ewing has played a major part in helping electricians meet the standards required by the funding program and by the state of Wisconsin.

The Rural Electricity Resource Council is proud to join Monte Ewing's colleagues in recognizing his efforts by awarding him the 2009 Distinguished Service Award.