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A. O. Smith Named Vendor of the Year by WinWholesale
Water heater manufacturer honored by leading industry distributor

ASHLAND CITY, Tenn. (April 11, 2012) –Leading water heater manufacturer and marketer A. O. Smith (www.hotwater.com) was recently honored with the title Plumbing Vendor of the Year during WinWholesale’s 2012 Annual Meeting and Vendor Showcase.

A. O. Smith was nominated as a vendor of the year by WinWholesale locations and area leaders across the country. A. O. Smith ultimately took the top spot in the plumbing category based on its high number of nominations, representation, new product development, and its ability to maintain a strong vendor/customer relationship during its struggles with debilitating flood damage at the company’s Ashland City, Tenn., facility in 2010. Vendors of the year were also selected in the HVAC, electrical, industrial and waterworks categories.

“WinWholesale had another successful year due in part to our partnership with A. O. Smith to serve our customers,” said Jack Johnston, WinWholesale president. “They represent the best of the best among our many plumbing vendors the past year.”

A. O. Smith National Account Manager Phil McAfee accepted the award from Monte Salsman, WinWholesale chief operating officer, and Eddie Gibbs, vice president of vendor relations, at an awards dinner on March 13 at Nashville’s Opryland Hotel.

“A. O. Smith has long valued our relationship with WinWholesale,” said McAfee. “We are delighted to see that WinWholesale thinks as highly of A. O. Smith as we do of them.”

About A. O. Smith:

A. O. Smith Corporation is a leading global manufacturer and marketer of residential and commercial water heaters and boilers. A. O. Smith offers its customers an additional competitive advantage in that the company designs, builds, distributes and field supports the world’s broadest and deepest line of residential and commercial water heaters, as well as commercial boilers. This single-source concept simplifies ordering, installation and service and is backed by more than 70 years of research and innovation. For more information, visit www.hotwater.com. For the most up-to-date industry news, like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).