

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Austin Hardware Named Innovator of the Year by Prime Advantage**

Austin Hardware and Supply, Inc. has been named the **2015 Innovator of the Year** by Prime Advantage, the leading buying consortium for midsized manufacturers.

This award recognizes the Prime Advantage Endorsed Supplier who introduces the most innovative and creative products and services during the year. New innovations from endorsed suppliers help create strong partnerships and expand business opportunities.



Joe Verdini, VP Sales, accepts award on behalf of Austin Hardware

Among the innovations for which Austin Hardware was recognized are:

- *Development of a commercial oven door-handle with improved aesthetics, name plate design, and assembly time. The product decreased the number of components managed across 2 distinctly different brands, improved customer in-the-field handle replacement time, and decreased the number of field failures all while meeting the customers' target price*
- *Creation of a new latching system for convection ovens designed with a built-in steam-release feature. The product featured an improved door sequencer design as well as assembly time, alignment, and functionality.*
- *A bun cart door hinge improvement that featured food grade materials and increased cycle life while remaining within the customer's target price.*

ABOUT AUSTIN HARDWARE & SUPPLY, INC.

Austin Hardware & Supply is a wholesale distributor of specialty industrial and vehicular hardware with ten locations throughout the U.S. Since 1960, Austin Hardware has been providing innovative hardware solutions with top-quality parts, extensive inventory, fast and accurate shipping, and competitive prices — all supported by experienced, professional customer service dedicated to each customer's success.

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Pictured: Joe Verdini, VP Sales, Austin Hardware, accepting Austin's award as Prime Advantage's Innovator of the Year.