**News Release**

**Acuity Brands Named 2015 IMARK Group Supplier of the Year**

*Company Has Won Award an Unprecedented Five Times within the Past Six Years*

ATLANTA – October 22, 2015 – [Acuity Brands, Inc.](http://www.acuitybrands.com) (NYSE: AYI; “Company”), a market leader in providing indoor and outdoor lighting and energy management solutions, proudly announces that it was selected as the IMARK Group’s (“IMARK”) 2015 “Supplier of the Year”, receiving the award at IMARK’s Annual Meeting. The prestigious Supplier of the Year award recognizes Acuity Brands’ industry-leading support in sales, service, marketing and product excellence over the past 12 months.

As a member owned, member governed marketing group of wholesale electrical distributors, IMARK represents more than 2,000 distributor locations. The award winner was selected by IMARK’s member companies.  Criteria in rating preferred suppliers were items such as: annual sales growth and overall performance, marketing support for IMARK programs, new product promotion and communication activities, IMARK member training and sales engagement, and creative efforts to serve new IMARK members.

Bob Smith, President & CEO of IMARK, said, “Our membership was very pleased to once again announce Acuity Brands as the Supplier of the Year in our largest supplier category. Acuity continues to demonstrate outstanding support for our membership through all of the IMARK engagement opportunities as witnessed by receiving this designation five times out of the past six years from amongst a highly competitive supplier network. We are proud of our association with Acuity Brands and the award is greatly deserved.”

“Acuity Brands is thrilled to be awarded IMARK's highest recognition,” said Sero Cardamone, Acuity Brands Lighting Senior Vice President, Sales. “As our relationship with IMARK and its membership grows, we continue to ensure that we deliver product leadership, leading sales and marketing engagement, training, and superior alignment to market demands. Receiving the IMARK Group Supplier of the Year distinction reinforces to us that we continue to meet our customers’ expectations and we are most appreciative of the partnership we share.”

For additional information, please visit [Acuity Brands](http://www.acuitybrands.com/) at www.acuitybrands.com and [the IMARK Group](http://www.imarkgroup.com) online.

**About Acuity Brands**

Acuity Brands, Inc. is a North American market leader and one of the world’s leading providers of indoor and outdoor lighting and energy management solutions. With fiscal year 2015 net sales of $2.7 billion, Acuity Brands employs approximately 8,000 associates and is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia with operations throughout North America, and in Europe and Asia. The Company’s lighting solutions are sold under various brands, including Lithonia Lighting®, Holophane®, Peerless®, Gotham®, Mark Architectural Lighting™, Winona® Lighting, Healthcare Lighting®, Hydrel®, American Electric Lighting®, Carandini®, Antique Street Lamps™, Sunoptics®, RELOC® Wiring Solutions, eldoLED®, Distech Controls® and Acuity Controls™. For more information, visit [www.acuitybrands.com](http://www.acuitybrands.com)​.

**About The IMARK Group**

IMARK GROUP, Inc. is a member-owned marketing group made up of over 900 independently owned electrical distributors throughout the United States. Our membership includes over 80 members in the Top 200 largest distributors in the country. Member companies serve their local customers from over 2,000 branch locations. With over $15 billion in combined sales, IMARK Group is the largest member owned, member governed cooperative in the US electrical industry.

Key to IMARK's success is its relationship with nearly 100 of the industry's leading suppliers. Members work closely with these suppliers to maximize profitability, increase market share, and strengthen business relationships. Their ultimate goal is to satisfy and support the end customer - whether an electrical contractor, industrial or institutional MRO, or electrical utility.

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