

Shorr Packaging Awarded Company of the Year by The Illinois Chapter of The ESOP Association

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OAK BROOK, Ill., March 9, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Shorr Packaging Corp. has been named the 2015 [esop](#) Company of the Year by the Illinois Chapter of The ESOP Association. The ESOP Association is the national trade association for companies with employee stock ownership plans (ESOP) and the leading voice in America for employee ownership. The Illinois Chapter represents approximately 100 member companies in the State of Illinois.

Headquartered in Aurora, Illinois, Shorr Packaging Corp. is 100% employee owned and is one of the largest independent packaging distributors in the nation. Founded in 1922 as the Northern Illinois Candy Company, Shorr has evolved into an industry-leading distributor of packaging [products](#), [equipment](#) and [services](#) representing the best-known packaging manufacturers and brands. Shorr has been providing its customers with the best packaging solutions for over 90 years by proudly offering its customers a unique combination of in-depth business knowledge, an extensive portfolio of packaging products and a nationwide network of stocked warehouses.

"Shorr is very active in the ESOP community and we are delighted to honor them with this recognition," said Rachel Gibson, Illinois Chapter President. "Shorr practices a strong commitment to employee ownership through employee communication, attending Chapter and National conferences and working to strengthen employee ownership in America by hosting a visit by U.S. Representative Bill Foster, 11th Congressional District of Illinois to promote ESOP issues. Shorr Packaging has been and continues to be a major participant in The ESOP Association at both the Chapter and National levels."

"We are very pleased and proud to have Shorr Packaging selected by the Illinois Chapter of The ESOP Association as ESOP Company of the Year because we believe so strongly in the power of employee ownership," commented Craig Funkhouser, President and Chief Operating Officer at Shorr Packaging Corp.

Shorr will compete against a competitive field of ESOP Companies of the Year from The ESOP Association's 18 other state and regional Chapters for the title "National ESOP Company of the Year." The winner of this prestigious award will be announced at The ESOP Association's 38th Annual Conference in Washington, DC in May, 2015.

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