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GRETNA-BASED COMPUTROLS WINS 2019 LOUISIANA LANTERN AWARD

(GRETNA, La) -- A Gretna-based technology manufacturer was awarded a 2019 Louisiana Lantern Award Tuesday evening. Computrols, which designs, manufactures and services building automation systems throughout North America, received the prestigious award at a special reception at the Governor's Mansion. The company is one of eight manufacturers across the state to be recognized this year.

The Louisiana Lantern Awards provide an opportunity for the State to celebrate manufacturers from across Louisiana. The winning company for each district displays a contribution to the Louisiana economy and their local business communities through employee growth, increased revenue, facility expansion and community engagement. The Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) nominated Computrols for the special distinction this year. The tech company was selected from the Greater New Orleans region to receive the coveted award.

Founded in Greater New Orleans in 1983, Computrols has become a leader in the building automation industry, supplying state-of-the-art electronic controls and automation systems for some of the most prestigious buildings and facilities in the world. Clients include the Statue of Liberty, the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, Harrah's Hotel and Casino, 375 Park Avenue in New York City and the AOL Campus in Virginia, among others.

The company is a leader in the automation industry for a number of reasons. Since the beginning, Computrols has worked with building owners, property managers and facilities managers to develop the most user-friendly building automation system on the market. Starting out, it was a company of firsts: it was first to run large facilities with a PC in the 1980s, and it was the first company to communicate with HVAC equipment controllers using Ethernet and Internet Protocol (TCP/IP). Today, Computrols continues to utilize the latest available technology in its products to ensure their systems are easier to install, more cost effective and more efficient.

With close to 60 employees, Computrols continues to grow and expand both regionally and across North America. In April 2018, Computrols celebrated the grand opening of its new headquarters in the City of Gretna. The 43,000 square foot space houses the company's manufacturing facility, offices, warehouse and training center. The manufacturer invested close to \$2 million into the project, envisioning a state-of-the-art headquarters with room to grow as the business continues to scale.

"We are honored to receive this award and greatly appreciate JEDCO's part in getting us nominated," said Drew Mire, CEO of Computrols. "Computrols has been manufacturing the only lifetime warranty product

in our industry over the last 30 years, so it's great to get recognized as a leader in this capacity. We are very excited about our growth in the last few years, but this award is really a testament to the hard work and dedication of our production team. We would like to thank the Louisiana Economic Development Foundation for this honor and their ongoing support."

"Computrols exemplifies all of the qualities of a successful manufacturer," said Jerry Bologna, JEDCO President & CEO. "The Computrols mission directly aligns with JEDCO's vision for the future of Jefferson Parish. The information technology and tech industry cluster is a growing sector within the regional economy and JEDCO is accordingly placed an increased focus on supporting that growth. We are proud that Computrols calls Jefferson Parish home."

"Congratulations to the Computrols team for winning this prestigious award," said Jefferson Parish President Mike Yenni. "Computrols brings prestige to our business community, setting the stage to make Jefferson Parish a destination for tech companies of all kinds. Computrols is innovative, unique, and leading the way in building automation from right here in Jefferson Parish."

"It is an honor to be the home base for this global technology manufacturer," said Gretna Mayor Belinda Constant. "Computrols plays a vital role in the continued growth of the technology industry in Jefferson Parish, and creates jobs and wealth within the City of Gretna. This is a big win for our community and for this innovative company. We thank Computrols for growing in Gretna."

CEO Drew Mire, accepted the award on behalf of Computrols Tuesday. LED presented him with a custom-built, handcrafted copper lantern donated by Bevolo Gas & Electric Lights of New Orleans. The lanterns have become internationally recognized trademark of New Orleans. The company is the oldest and largest copper gas lantern manufacturer in the U.S. and the second oldest in the world. For more information about the Louisiana Lantern Award, [click here](#).

About Computrols: [Computrols](#) designs, manufactures, and services state-of-the-art building automation systems throughout North America. For over 30 years, Computrols has been a leader in the building automation industry, leveraging its intuitive software and hardware and the industry's only lifetime warranty on direct digital controllers. Computrols controllers are 100% designed and manufactured in the USA and support a number of open and proprietary protocols, allowing for direct interfacing to third-party equipment. Today, Computrols solutions encompass HVAC control, lighting control, access control, and fire alarm systems, all of which can be managed from Computrols Building Automation Software (CBAS). The company's corporate headquarters and manufacturing facility are located in the City of Gretna. The company also has branch offices in California, Texas, and Washington D.C., as well as a distribution partner network that spans much of U.S. and several international locations. Clients include the Statue of Liberty, the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, One Shell Square and others.

About JEDCO: The [Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission](#) (JEDCO) is the economic development organization for Jefferson Parish with the main objective of attracting, growing, and creating new business in the area. JEDCO's mission is to proactively influence the economy through the retention and creation of quality jobs, entrepreneurship, and investment in Jefferson Parish. Located in the growing [Churchill Technology & Business Park](#), JEDCO is home to a [business incubator](#) for early-stage ventures and it also operates a state-of-the-art [Conference Center](#). For more information, visit www.jedco.org and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Vimeo](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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