

PRESS RELEASE

Uponor receives David Weekley Homes award for fifth year

The country's largest privately held homebuilder honors Uponor with their Partners of Choice award five years running

APPLE VALLEY, Minn., June 28, 2018 — On June 26, Houston-based [David Weekley Homes](#), the largest homebuilder in the U.S., announced the winners of their annual [Partners of Choice awards](#), and Uponor North America ([Uponor](#)) was recognized for the fifth year in a row, this year receiving an 'A' ranking in quality.

In its 15th year, the Partners of Choice awards recognize companies who participate in David Weekley Homes' yearlong assessment and feedback program that collaborates with suppliers to consistently set high industry standards and drive continuous improvement. Of the 200 companies assessed in the supplier feedback platform, only six have won for the past five years in a row.

"All our national trading partners are focused on achieving excellence, but many have never received our award," says Bill Justus, vice president of Supply Chain Services for David Weekley Homes and creator of the assessment program. "Our unique assessment system allows us a quantifiable way to measure world-class excellence. To win for five years in a row confirms that Uponor is world class in bringing quality products to our company and to our homeowners."

Uponor began participating in the Partners of Choice assessment program in 2014 when David Weekley Homes started incorporating the Uponor AquaPEX[®]



Uponor is the five-time winner of the David Weekley Homes Partners of Choice Award.



plumbing system and the AquaSAFE™ multipurpose fire sprinkler system in all their homes across the U.S.

The program includes a customer portal unique to each supplier where companies can receive their feedback results from the current year as well as previous years to analyze and assess their progress.

“By providing our partners with the analytical tools they receive from the program, we can help them improve with us as well as their other customers,” says Justus. “Our suppliers tell us all the time that the program has improved their businesses and helped them become stronger competitors in the marketplace.”

Since its inception in 2004, the Partners of Choice assessment program is continuing to set new industry standards for quality and process improvement, seeing an average increase of 13 percent each year in supplier engagement and progress.

“Being one of the select few companies to be recognized for the past five years in a row is an incredible honor,” says Carl Hines, national builder sales manager at Uponor. “Participating in the Partners of Choice assessment program has been a great asset to Uponor, helping us on our quest to advance the plumbing and heating industry and further enhance our customer experience.”

For the special press page, which includes images for download, please visit:
<http://uponor.oreilly-depalma.com/2018/david-weekley-homes-award.shtml>.

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We mean progress.

Apple Valley, Minn.-based Uponor North America strives to be the partner plumbing and HVAC professionals rely on for smart water and energy solutions. The company is helping to advance the construction industry through innovation, education and advocacy focusing on the defining issues of our time: water, energy and labor. An award-winning manufacturer of PEX piping and provider of plumbing, fire safety, radiant heating/cooling, hydronic piping, and pre-insulated piping systems, Uponor offers solutions for new construction, retrofits and remodels in the residential, light commercial and commercial markets. Uponor partnered with Belkin International in 2016 to form [Phyn](#), a new intelligent water company that is revolutionizing the way consumers interact with water and helping solve major challenges facing the global water supply. Recognized for best-in-class manufacturing, sustainability, economic development and as a top workplace, the Uponor group of companies employs more than 4,000 worldwide. Uponor group's global headquarters are located in Vantaa, Finland. uponorpro.com

About David Weekley Homes

David Weekley Homes, founded in 1976, is headquartered in Houston and operates in 22 cities across the United States. David Weekley Homes was the first builder in the United States to be awarded the Triple Crown of American Home Building, an honor which includes "America's Best Builder," "National Housing Quality Award" and "National Builder of the Year." Weekley has also appeared 12 times on *FORTUNE* magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For[®]" list. Since inception, David Weekley Homes has closed more than 80,000 homes. For more information about David Weekley Homes, visit the company's website at davidweekleyhomes.com.

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