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E&I COOPERATIVE SERVICES PRESENTS ANNUAL BUSINESS PARTNER AWARDS

VWR, Medline, and Enterprise Honored for Exceptional Contributions

JERICHO, N.Y. — E&I Cooperative Services (E&I) has honored the outstanding achievements of its business partners with the presentation of its annual Business Partner Awards. The awards were presented to business partners who—through their dedication to excellence, continuous improvement, and innovative practices—deliver world-class service to E&I’s members community.

The award winners are as follows:

- **Partner of the Year:** VWR
- **New Partner:** Medline
- **Member Responsiveness:** Enterprise

“When there is collaboration and teamwork, amazing things can be achieved,” said Tom Fitzgerald, *CEO*, E&I Cooperative Services. “We never grow tired of the level of superior commitment our business partners have shown towards our membership, and we appreciate the amazing level of service each of these organizations has consistently provided.”

Nominees were identified by an internal team of E&I representatives, and were evaluated based upon a number of criteria including the contract utilization and member purchases, the business

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partner's dedication to new member acquisition, programs and level of service provided to members, and member satisfaction.

The recipients were recognized at the E&I Member/Supplier Mixer held during the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP) Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada. For more information about the E&I Business Partner Awards, please contact Sabra Schell, *E&I Vice President of Marketing*, at 631-630-8234 or sschell@eandi.org.

About E&I

[E&I Cooperative Services](#) (E&I) is the member-owned, not-for-profit sourcing cooperative delivering expertise, solutions and services to education and related institutions. E&I provides members with access to a diverse portfolio of competitively awarded contracts, electronic procurement solutions and consulting services to help them source effectively. By leveraging the knowledge and expertise of more than 4,000 member institutions, E&I helps members reduce costs and optimize supply chain efficiencies. The Cooperative's member-driven [competitive solicitation process](#) has been validated by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) as being in compliance with generally accepted public procurement standards.

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