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# The Salt Lake Chamber Announces Industrial Supply Company CEO Jessica Yurgaitis as a 2024 Pathfinder Award Recipient

Salt Lake City—Industrial Supply Company is proud to announce that its Chief Executive Officer, Jessica Yurgaitis, was honored as a recipient of the prestigious Pathfinder Award at the Salt Lake Chamber's 48th Annual Women & Business Conference and ATHENA Awards Luncheon on November 15, 2024. The Pathfinder Award recognizes business and community leaders who have made significant contributions to create new paths and promote the development and recognition of women in business.

Founded over a century ago in 1916, Industrial Supply Company has a long history of being a business leader in Utah and Salt Lake County. Under Ms. Yurgaitis's leadership, the Company has preserved its unique legacy, achieving exceptional growth and success in the state and the Intermountain region. The Pathfinder Award is a testament to Ms. Yurgaitis's ability to triumph over challenges, inspire her team, and contribute positively to the business community. Her efforts go beyond corporate concerns; she is also engaged in various local and global charitable organizations that support the needs of the community.

Her commitment and leadership in the industrial distribution and supply industry was also recently recognized by her selection as Chair of the Industrial and Safety Division of Affiliated Distributors, a member-owned organization of independent distributors and supplier partners.

Ms. Yurgaitis expressed her appreciation to the Salt Lake Chamber and her team at Industrial Supply Company for the recognition. "It's a great privilege to receive the Pathfinder Award from the Salt Lake Chamber," she said. "This recognition reflects the hard work and dedication of the entire Industrial Supply Company team. I am deeply honored to be included among the other distinguished business and community leaders who share this award with me."

The Salt Lake Chamber formally celebrated recipients at its annual event, honoring individuals who are making valuable contributions to the community, at the Grand America Hotel. This year's theme was "I.L.L.U.M.I.N.A.T.E.," and it encapsulated the essence of what the conference stands for: Inspiring Leadership, Learning, Unity, Motivation, Innovation, Networking, Ambition, Teamwork and Empowerment.

Other recipients of this year's Pathfinder Award were:

- Senator Ann Millner, Utah Senate District 5
- Kerry Norman, Executive Vice President of Operations, CHG Healthcare Liz Owens, CEO, YWCA Utah
- Noella Sudbury, Founder & CEO, Rasa Public Benefit Corporation
- Diana Young, Partner & Vice President of Strategic Partnerships, PrincePerelson & Associates

For more information about the Pathfinder Award and the Annual Awards Gala, please visit https://slchamber.com/events-programs/signature-events/women-business-conference-and-athena-awards -luncheon/

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# ABOUT INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY COMPANY

Industrial Supply Company has served the construction, manufacturing, mining, government, and industrial community since 1916. This Utah based maintenance, repair and operational, and production (MROP) distributor has eight locations in the Intermountain West, which serve Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and surrounding areas.

# **ABOUT THE SALT LAKE CHAMBER**

The Salt Lake Chamber is Utah's largest and longest-standing business association. A statewide chamber of commerce with members in all 29 Utah counties, the Chamber represents the broad interests of the state's 63,000-plus employers, which employ more than 1.4 million Utahns. This includes thousands of Chamber members and their employees. With roots that date back to 1887, the Chamber stands as the voice of business, supports its members' success, and champion's community prosperity.

# **ABOUT THE ATHENA LEADERSHIP AWARD**

The ATHENA Leadership Award is a prestigious national award presented annually to an active member of the Salt Lake Chamber who demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in business, provides valuable service by devoting time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community, and assists women in reaching their full leadership potential.

Established in 1982 in Lansing, Michigan, the ATHENA Award ®Program is now administered from its Chicago, Illinois headquarters and boasts over 300 active communities in the United States, Canada, China, Russia and the United Kingdom. More than 5,000 individuals representing a wide variety of professions and businesses have received the ATHENA Award. Presented by local host organizations in partnership with ATHENA's national underwriters, local businesses and individual sponsors the award practically demonstrates the quote from Plato, "What is honored in a country will be cultivated there." The award takes the form of a hand-cast bronze sculpture symbolizing the strength, courage and wisdom of the recipient.