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International association honors local resident Douglas R. Oberhamer Earns Regent's Award for service to water treatment industry

Lisle, Illinois USA — The Water Quality Association presented Phoenix, Arizona business leader Douglas R. Oberhamer of Culligan Water Conditioning the Regent's Award at its annual convention and trade show in San Antonio, Texas this month.

WQA has more than 2,500 members, consisting of individuals and companies in the water treatment industry. Awards were presented at WQA Aquatech USA, an annual event that attracts thousands of participants from around the world.

The Regent's Award is given for "for significant contributions at the state or local level on issues affecting the industry." In presenting the award, WQA stated: "This marks Doug's fortieth year as a leader in our industry. From 1971 until the mid-Eighties, Doug served as executive director of WQA. In that position, Doug developed product and professional certification programs. He successfully merged the manufacturer's and the dealer's associations into a single and stronger voice. And he oversaw construction of WQA's headquarters and laboratory. Doug is leading the water conditioning industry in a collaborative stakeholder process to increase water conservation and reuse in his region. His work in this critical part of the nation will likely shape the look of our entire industry for years to come."

The Water Quality Association is a not-for-profit international trade organization representing the residential, commercial, and industrial water treatment industry. Its membership consists of both manufacturers as well as dealers/distributors of equipment. WQA is a resource and information source, a voice for the industry, an educator of professionals, a laboratory for product testing, and a communicator with the public.