



# WHO'S IN THE NEWS

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## Texas Ground Water Association



Merritt Partridge was recognized for his service to the association.



President's Award - Dean Robbins.



Outgoing President Award - Bob Hill.



Wesley Young Manufacturer and Supplier of the Year Award - Jim Jackson.



Robert "Bob" J. Neely Award - Jaythan Browning.



Owen F. Jensen Contractor of the Year Award - Dale Felder.



Gary D. Grant Award - David Branch.

## Underground Construction Technology



Martin and Dick, the first inductees of the HDD Hall of Fame, congratulating each other.

The recent Underground Construction Technology International Conference and Exhibition witnessed the inauguration of the HDD (horizontal directional drilling) Hall of Fame, as part of the HDD Reunion Reception. The initial inductees included two industry pioneers, Dick Melsheimer and Martin Cherrington.

Dick invented the cut-and-bore method to help develop the first electronic drill bit locating system, establishing the first commercially available HDD rig.

Martin Cherrington, often referred to as "the father of HDD" first conceived the use of HDD as a practical alternative to conventional trenching methods in the 1960s, and founded the Cherrington Corporation in 1984, which has become known around the world as an innovation leader in the HDD industry.

Without the knowledge, skill, and dedication of these two gentlemen, the industry just wouldn't be the same.

## International Society of Explosives Engineers

The recipient of the International Society of Explosives Engineers (ISEE) Blaster's Leadership Award is Ric Hosley, Jr. A third-generation explosives engineer, Ric specializes in efficient blast design, explosives distribution, public relations, and consulting.



Ric accepted the award from ISEE President Jim Daly.

## Industrial Scientific



Industrial Scientific announced Marc Osgoodby has joined the company as vice president of global sales. He will be leading the company's global go-to-market strategy and sales teams.

"Marc brings with him a wealth of experience in technology," said Parker Burke, senior vice president and general manager of Industrial Scientific. "We are thrilled to have Marc join the company."

## McElroy

McElroy has appointed Geoff Koch, P.E., as vice president of product development. He will help lead the continuing evolution and global impact of McElroy pipe fusion equipment.

Koch joins McElroy after nearly 25 years with Ditch Witch, where he was vice president of product development. In addition to supporting McElroy's current and extensive line of pipe fusion products, he will be responsible for design, prototype build, and testing of all new equipment.

