



## **Venstar CEO Steve Dushane Named Man of the Year by HVAC Insider**

CHATSWORTH, Calif., March 8, 2017 — Steve Dushane, president and CEO of [Venstar®](#), a leading thermostat and energy management systems supplier, has been named 2016 Man of the Year by HVAC Insider. See the article [here](#).

“Each year, HVAC Insider honors one person for his or her outstanding contribution to our industry. We are very proud to announce this year’s honoree, Steve Dushane,” said Jerry Lawson, publisher and editor-in-chief at HVAC Insider. “Steve has impacted the HVAC market in many ways, from his wireless thermostats to his innovative energy management system.”

“I am very proud to be honored as HVAC Insider’s ‘Man of the Year’ for 2016,” said Steve Dushane, president and CEO of Venstar Inc. “I credit my team of rock stars for their many contributions in making Venstar a leading force in the HVAC industry.”

Dushane’s vision is responsible for the placement of nearly 10 million thermostats that are installed in homes and businesses throughout North America. Dushane, who co-founded Venstar in 1992, changed the way thermostats were built and merchandized and helped pioneer the smart thermostat market with [ColorTouch®](#), the industry’s first color touchscreen thermostat that also functions as a digital picture frame and can be controlled remotely with a mobile app.

Dushane’s contributions to commercial HVAC also include the invention of Venstar’s [Surveyor®](#) Energy Management System. Surveyor is used by the biggest retail names in America. It monitors and controls more than 25,000 locations and a quarter billion dollars of energy spent throughout North America.

### **About Venstar Inc.**

[Venstar Inc.](#) is a leading thermostat and energy management system (EMS) manufacturer, known for providing value to its customers via ease of use and installation, proven cost savings, improved energy efficiency, quality and reliability. Founded in 1992, Venstar is one of the largest thermostat suppliers in the world and designs and produces Venstar-branded products as well as OEM thermostat products for the biggest names in HVAC. Venstar’s Surveyor is a leading energy management system, typically saving small-box retailers 20–35 percent of their energy costs, which translates to tens of millions of dollars in savings each year and dramatic reductions in

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Surveyor currently controls the energy usage of 25,000+ retail locations across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

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