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## **Burgess Oliver Receives the Mac McCulloch Lifetime Achievement Award**

**CHICAGO—October 22, 2012**—Burgess Oliver, retired, former general manager of Nortel was awarded the 2012 Mac McCulloch Lifetime Achievement Award at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers during its annual International Excellence Inside Conference. The honor is bestowed every year upon one individual who embodies AME principles and works to establish AME's leadership role within the industry.

"Burgess is truly a fixture at AME whose humor and good nature have lightened-up many of our board meetings and special events," explains Paul Kuchuris, AME President. "He has definitely had a hand in making AME the successful organization it is today."

Mr. Oliver was one of AME's first members and a charter member of AME Champion's Club. Through his career he has volunteered countless hours with AME and is well-respected among its membership. In addition to his service at Nortel, he held positions at Clark Equipment Company, GTE Sylvania, Telco and TRICOR.

The Mac McCulloch Lifetime Achievement Award was established in 2006 to recognize the commitment and dedication of individuals who have made significant contributions to improving the products and services offered by AME to advance enterprise excellence in manufacturing. The award not only recognizes service to AME but also honors an individual's character, integrity, and leadership.

## About the Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME)

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