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## **S&S ELECTRIC CO., INC., SELECTED AS FINALIST FOR THE 2004 FLORIDA FAMILY BUSINESS AWARDS**

OLDSMAR, Florida, May 5, 2004 — S&S Electric Co., Inc., has been recognized as a finalist in the 2004 Family Business Awards. The banquet, sponsored by the Florida Family Business Program at the John H. Sykes College of Business at the University of Tampa, will be held Friday, May 14th, to recognize and honor the best Florida family-owned business.

S&S Electric is a finalist to receive recognition in both the Large Business and Heritage categories. The Large Business category honors those firms with 250 or more employees, and examines the economic performance, community service, and industry innovations of the nominees. The Heritage category honors those firms that have been in business for over 50 years, have family members actively involved in the organization and have an expression of positive family values in the business. In all, over 100 companies submitted application to be considered for this year's award.

"We are extremely honored to be nominated to receive awards in both the Large and Heritage business categories," said Shawn Smith, vice president, S&S Electric Co., Inc. "It shows that our company principles — superb workmanship, integrity and family — that were set in place by my grandfather and founder of the company, Sheldon Smith, remain in place. We are proud to have been selected as a finalist for these awards and we could not have accomplished this were it not for our dedicated employees who work hard to ensure that our principles and high level of customer satisfaction are achieved."

S&S Electric provides its employees with opportunities for educational and professional advancement, supports the educational efforts of schools in the Oldsmar community and also places special emphasis on all community enrichment events hosted by the City of Oldsmar. The company also supports the educational and medical research conducted by the Pulmonary Hypertension Association (PHA).

The Florida Family Business Program is located in the John H. Sykes College of Business at the University of Tampa. The Florida Family Business Program collaborates with the Tampa Bay Family Business Forum on workshops and meetings with nationally prominent experts on family business issues. Discussions of real life experiences shared by other forum members also add insight into the personal and family business principles and values that form the basis of family business success and continuity. The program promotes life-long learning for family business representatives as well as prepares the next generation for leading the family business to future success.

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The Florida Family Business Award sponsors provide advisory services in critical areas such as law, accounting, estate planning, retirement, finance, insurance, marketing and other issues of importance. Through panels at the award events and individual consultation, family business owners have access to experts on a variety of subjects. For more information about the Florida Family Business Program, please visit <http://ffb.ut.edu>.

Installing confidence since 1947, S&S Electric Co., Inc, is West Central Florida's premier home systems contractor for many of the nation's top homebuilders. With more than 275 employees, and offices in Oldsmar, Tampa, Sarasota and Ft. Myers, the company's extensive service offering includes Electrical, Air Conditioning and Structured Cabling Systems, as well as the expertise of an award-winning team of designers, installers and technicians recognized throughout the industry for providing customers with value-added, reliable, quality system installations. For more information about S&S Electric Co., Inc and its many services, please visit [www.ss-electric.com](http://www.ss-electric.com).

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