

As many of you know by now, Patti Engineering has been recognized by one of the most well respected magazines in the automation industry, *Control Engineering*. The company has been named [2013 System Integrator of the Year](#) based on a panel of industry judges' in-depth review of formal business practices, customer satisfaction and project success as performed during the design and implementation of automated control systems for industrial machinery, manufacturing lines, and other production facilities.



The *Control Engineering* System Integrator of the Year award has grown into an excellence standard from which the automation industry measures quality, integrity, and professionalism. After a thorough review, *Control Engineering* magazine awarded this high honor to Patti Engineering for consistent, outstanding performance in all aspects of business operations – including technical competence, business skills and customer satisfaction. Specifically, the magazine's System Integration Editor Vance VanDoren, Ph.D., P.E., noted, "Patti Engineering impressed our panel of judges with their credentials, their customer testimonials, and their business systems designed to ensure the success of their automation projects. Patti Engineering specializes in a rather demanding segment of the automation market yet continues to satisfy their customers."



President of Patti Engineering, Sam Hoff, noted, "Our engineers are remarkably talented with the ability to engineer innovative state-of-the-art solutions for complex control applications. We are extremely proud to have earned the 2013 *Control Engineering* System Integrator of the Year award. Our dedicated engineers and staff are fully committed to diligently upholding the excellence standard for which we earned this recognition."

The announcement of this award in December follows another important milestone for the company. In November, Patti Engineering announced successfully renewing its Control Systems Integrators Association (CSIA) Certification. This is the fourth consecutive time Patti Engineering has passed the CSIA audit, which is valid for three years.

Known as the gold-seal mark of a professionally managed control system integration business, the CSIA audit consists of 76 criteria necessary for operating a top of the line control systems integration company. Each company that passes the certification follows a set of CSIA best practices with 300 guidelines, including disaster recovery, system backup and internal quality plans. One of the earliest to pass the CSIA certification in its early formation, Hoff and the management team at Patti Engineering are fully invested in this program and believe it has been raising the bar of professionalism in the control systems integration industry.



Patti Engineering was founded by Hoff in June of 1991. Just three weeks away from marrying the love of his life, Patti, Hoff needed a temporary job to pay the bills while he searched for his next career move as an engineer. The result of this temporary solution was the founding of Patti Engineering. Hoff has a BSEE from GMI Engineering & Management Institute (now Kettering University) with previous work experience as a Controls Engineer for General Motors Truck & Bus and a Sales Engineer for Total Control Products.

The company has evolved from its inception to a thriving international business. Patti Hoff serves as the company's Vice President of Finance. She has been working alongside Sam since Patti Engineering's humble beginnings. In addition to Sam and Patti, the Patti Engineering team is led by key executives Dave Foster, Vice President of Engineering, who joined Patti Engineering in 1995 and Ken Kutchek, Vice President of Operations, who joined Patti Engineering in 1997. Three years ago Patti Engineering's management team identified the energy and industrial rich Texas market as an ideal opportunity for growth. Steve Palmgren is the Director of the Patti Engineering Texas office. Steve's experience as the lead engineer on many of Patti Engineering's major projects for the past eleven years has proved invaluable to the company's growth in that market.

The Patti Engineering team prides itself on excellence in the areas of business skills, technical competence and customer satisfaction; to receive a nod from the panel of industry experts, judging the *Control Engineering's* competition, is a great honor.



In December Patti Engineering hosted an open house to celebrate the award and also to thank employees, clients, partners and friends for their loyalty and support. If you missed you the open house, here is a big shout-out from the Patti Engineering team.....THANK YOU!

To see the open house video click [here](#).