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UNIVERSAL LIGHTING EARNS FIVE "FINALIST" SPOTS IN 2006 INNOVATION AWARDS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Oct. 5, 2006) – Universal Lighting Technologies has been named a finalist five times in the 2006 Innovation Awards from *Electrical Contracting Products* magazine. The awards program recognizes manufacturers that best respond to changing market conditions and contractors' needs with new products and services. Four energy-saving ballasts from Universal Lighting earned a spot among the finalists in the Lighting category, and the company's e-Learning Center is a finalist in the Training & Services category.

Each Innovations Awards finalist will be judged for innovation, ease of use, cost effectiveness, quality, maintainability, and productivity improvements. With four out of the 26 finalists in the Lighting category coming from Universal Lighting, the international ballast manufacturer represents a significant percentage of the contenders. The 2006 Innovation Award winners will be announced at a special ceremony being held at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston on October 8, the first evening of the National Electrical Contractors Association tradeshow.

"Based on the quality of the entries, this year's competition promises to be even tougher than last year's inaugural awards program," said Brian Taylor, editor of *Electrical Contracting Products*. "Every one of the Finalists should be commended for their efforts to improve the value and effectiveness of products created for our nation's electrical contractors."

Universal Lighting's finalists for the 2006 Innovations Awards include the AccuStart5, Basic-12, Ballastar T5, and the Multi-5 ballasts, as well as the company's new e-Learning Center that provides online education courses for contractors and wholesalers. For more information on Universal Lighting Technologies and the Universal family of ballasts, call 1-800-BALLAST or visit the Web site at www.universalballast.com.

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