



**Alpha Energy and Electric Inc. received the 2017 Small Business of the Year Award and the coveted Mr. K Award**



**Kansas City, MO - May 16, 2017:** With great humility, we announce that Alpha Energy and Electric, Inc. is privileged to be the recipient of the 2017 Small Business of the Year Award – and received the coveted Mr. K award, which honors a small business that embodies Ewing Marion Kauffman's business philosophy and values.

Alpha Energy and Electric Inc. received the honor today, Tuesday, May 16, 2017, during the chamber's annual Small Business Celebration Awards luncheon. We also took home another award: 2017 International Small Business of the Year.

We are delighted to be included in this list of distinguished companies; recipients of the Mr. K. Award. This Award would not have been possible without the combined efforts of our employees – the back bone of the company, our clients, trade partners, and our banking partners all of whom have supported us over the years. Alpha Energy and Electric, Inc., DBA Alpha General Contracting, is an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Company with over a half century of combined experience. Headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, USA, we endeavor to provide value for our clients through innovative design build approaches. We are also a certified SBA 8(a), HUBZONE and MBE company.

Please learn more about us at [www.alphaee.com](http://www.alphaee.com).

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**Ike Nwabuonwu, Chairman & CEO**

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Recipient of The 2017 Small Business of the Year Award

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## THE MAKING OF A MR. K AWARD WINNER

Selecting the area's top small business involves nearly a year of work by planners, untold hours of judging — and more than a few anxious moments for the finalists. [PAGES 10-13](#)

**Ike  
Nwabuonwu**  
CEO of 2017 winner Alpha  
Energy and Electric Inc.





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## BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MR. K AWARDS

Honoring the area's top small businesses is a big production

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As soon as Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation CEO Wendy Guillies began describing the 2017 winner of the Mr. K Award, Ike Nwabuonwu knew his company had won. ¶ Incorporated in 2005, humble beginnings in a two-room office space, now a 10,000-square-foot headquarters in Kansas City's urban core... ¶ "I knew they were talking about the company, and I got nervous," the CEO of Alpha Energy and Electric Inc. said. ¶ As Nwabuonwu stood on stage in front of nearly 600 people, his smile was understated and humble. Maybe that's

because he knew the Mr. K Award, signifying Kansas City's Small Business of the Year, was much bigger than himself. He looked to his table of employees – "the backbone of the company" – and then to David Disney, a senior vice president at JE Dunn Construction, also seated at the table. The construction company had believed in Alpha Energy early on and was an important mentor. ¶ "As the announcement was being made, all I could see was the employees – their hard work, their dedication. They go above and beyond to make this company what it is today. ... And to see them, I knew that this award belongs to them."

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Leaders of the Top 10 Small Businesses wait onstage for CEO Wendy Guillies to announce the 2017 winner of the Mr. K Award.



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