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News Release

Mark Boxer Named 2021 Photon Award Winner by Fiber Broadband Association

Norcross, Georgia, August 5, 2021 - Mark Boxer, Technical Manager, Solutions and Applications Engineering for OFS, is named the 2021 Photon Award Winner by Fiber Broadband Association (FBA). The Photon Award honors an FBA member who, through volunteer contribution, has demonstrated a high level of dedication to the organization and has contributed greatly to the industry. Boxer has been a strong FBA volunteer contributor for the past 20 years and has served in leadership positions in a number of FBA committees. He currently serves on the FBA Board and is the board liaison for the Technology Committee, the Education subcommittee and is highly active with the Deployment Specialists committee. Mark also was awarded the Photon Award in 2019 for his outstanding contributions to FBA's technology committee.

Mark Boxer is recognized for his continued personal initiative, passion for the fiber industry, dedication and drive. He led the FBA's efforts on workforce development to create a desperately needed fiber broadband certification and intensive training program that will be launched this year across community colleges, high schools and with veterans nationwide. Boxer's leadership is noticeably effective as he is highly collaborative and is a tremendous contributor to FBA's success.

Boxer was one of two outstanding individuals and one organization recognized for their accomplishments and continued commitment to advancing the fiber industry.

"The Fiber Broadband Association is proud to award these recipients for their efforts to advance fiber connectivity forward and create a better broadband future for communities and businesses across North America," said Gary Bolton, CEO at Fiber Broadband Association. "Fiber is the critical infrastructure that will support the technological innovation, economic development and diversity we need today, and we are humbled by the dedication these men and women have shown to advance the world forward through fiber broadband."

All recipients were honored at an awards reception at the FBA's Fiber Connect event held July 25-28, 2021, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn.

The Fiber Broadband Association is part of the Fibre Council Global Alliance, which is a platform of six global FTTH Councils in the Americas, LATAM, Europe, MENA and APAC.

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