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AFE SPOTLIGHT

GLENN HOLLISTER

A FE interviews Glenn Hollister, vice president of the Safety, Health and Environmental division at IDEAL INDUSTRIES, INC.

AFE: How do you hope to serve the facilities and maintenance profession through your AFE Global Technical Partnership?

GH: In business since 1916, IDEAL INDUSTRIES, INC., has continued to support the company founder's vision of providing customers with products that will provide a greater value than the price paid for it. Service is part of the product.



Glenn Hollister, vice president of the Safety, Health, and Environmental Division at IDEAL INDUSTRIES, INC. *Photo courtesy of IDEAL INDUSTRIES, INC.*

We see our relationship with AFE as a way to be better able to reach out to members. Over the years, as part of our industry training efforts, IDEAL has donated millions of dollars in products to trade schools, vo-tech schools and other training facilities. We look forward to expanding our training with AFE Chapters throughout the country.

“In times such as these, facilities and maintenance engineers are part of the first response team. Preparation is everything.”

AFE: What emerging issue(s) does the profession need to have on its radar and why?

GH: Safety in the workplace is an ever-present concern and a major focus for IDEAL. We recognize that facilities engineers and maintenance professionals are at the forefront of this issue and we're committed to providing resources that promote workplace safety for the engineers, and solutions and training to ensure a safe environment for the facility overall.

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We consider this issue of such great importance that IDEAL is currently establishing a new division dedicated to focusing on health, safety and environmental awareness in the workplace. This will include the provision of products, services and support for personal safety, work-place safety, environmental testing, and much more over the next several years. It is more important today than ever for employees to be well-educated in safe work practices and for companies to support and promote such a culture. IDEAL plans to be a major provider of education and products that support a safe and healthy work environment.

AFE: In light of current events, how do AFE Global Technical Partners play a role in helping our members to prepare their facilities for natural disasters and catastrophic events?

GH: Education and awareness — we're in this together. In times like these, facilities and maintenance engineers are part of the first response team. Preparation is everything. AFE members need reliable training and easily accessible resources — the Global Technical Partners are entrusted to provide the training and solutions. AFE brings it all together — making the connections that help to prepare the profession for managing during urgent situations. IDEAL products such as insulation testers, thermal imaging cam-

eras, lockout/tagout products — to name a few — have been used in many disaster areas in the past — helping with the recovery and rebuilding process after a disaster or catastrophic event.

AFE: Ten years from now, what impact would IDEAL like to have made on the facilities engineering and maintenance profession through its partnership with AFE?

GH: We want safety to be a workplace priority. Through AFE members we are able to keep our finger on the pulse of our customers' needs in this regard. Our work together saves lives. And through a strong local relationship between AFE members and IDEAL personnel, we can learn how to be increasingly instrumental in creating a safer and more productive environment for facilities engineering and maintenance professionals. 

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—Larry Ross, CPE, CPMM
Chair, AFE Professional Development Committee

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