

A. Quinn Bell Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The American Moving and Storage Association honored industry leader A. Quinn Bell, former president and chief executive officer of The Suddath Companies, Jacksonville, Fla., with AMSA's Distinguished Service Award.

He received the award during the 2004 AMSA Annual Convention and Trade Show, held March 31-April 3 in Bal Harbour, Fla.

"Quinn Bell is one of the outstanding leaders of our industry," notes AMSA President Joe Harrison. "I can't imagine anyone more deserving of this special honor."

As former president and chief executive officer of The Suddath Companies, Bell was instrumental in leading Suddath into what is now one of the largest moving and storage enterprises in the nation. Since 1982, the year after Suddath joined the United Van Lines system, it has consistently ranked among United's top three revenue producers.

Bell immediately drew upon his already-extensive moving business experience when he began his career with Suddath in 1968, which at that time employed around 40 people and generated annual revenues of just over \$1 million.

Among his most significant achievements was the foresight to create a strong management team which, under his guidance during the 1970s, began the development of subsidiary companies designed to meet evolving marketplace needs, both domestically and worldwide.

By 1983, "The Suddath Companies" was created as a holding company for all Suddath subsidiaries, which today include Suddath Relocation Systems, Suddath International, Suddath Military Group, Suddath Transportation Services, Suddath Logistics, Lexicon Relocation, Airland Forwarders, Centra Worldwide, and Paramount Event Management.

As a result of Bell's vision and leadership, Suddath is now a diverse company that generates total revenues of nearly \$200 million and has over 1,200 employees.

In keeping with diversification and growth of The Suddath Companies, Bell guided the company through several very successful non-transportation related business ventures such as, the establishment of a manufactured housing company, a telecommunications company and one of the nation's leading record storage companies.

Commitment to Service

Bell's commitment to consistently improve the moving and storage industry is demonstrated in his broad involvement in several associations and foundations. He is past chairman of the Florida Movers and Warehousemen's Association and twice past chairman of the Household Goods Forwarders Association.

He currently serves on the AMSA Board of Directors, where he is active as a member of the board's Government Traffic Committee.

In addition to his devotion to organizations within the moving and storage industry, Bell's other passion is the community in which he lives. He chairs two charitable foundations - Operation New Hope and the Metro Kids Konnection.

Bell also is a past member of the board of governors of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce; a past board member of the Jacksonville Zoo; and a member and past chairman of the University Club. Other civic activities

have included the Rotary Club and service on the boards of St. Vincent's Medical Center and the Leukemia Society.

This May, his extraordinary 36-year tenure at Suddath will come to a close. Prior to his announcement of retirement Bell was recognized during United's Fall 2003 convention for his many contributions to the industry. Bell received United's highest honor, the Gene Anderson-United Excellence Award, an award only given when meritorious service is noted.

In addition to his retirement from Suddath, Bell will be stepping down as a member of the UniGroup board of directors in the spring of 2004, concluding 14 years of distinguished service. Bell served on the executive committee and as treasurer as well as chairman of Van Liner Insurance.

Bell leaves a legacy of having the unique knack of identifying talented individuals who would work well as a team while building successful organizations, his company notes.

"His management style has been personable and approachable to all levels within the organization— on a first name basis and always with an open-door policy," Suddath explained. "Bell has an uncanny ability to make everyone feel at ease and he cherishes the relationships he builds with each and every employee."

As for his future plans, Bell says that although he will be "officially" retiring from The Suddath Companies, he intends to remain active in the industry a resource for many and will continue to be involved in outside business ventures.

Bell resides in Jacksonville with his wife, Ann. He has four children and five grandchildren.

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The American Moving & Storage Association, home of the ProMover certification program, is the national trade association representing the nation's moving and storage companies, which provide household goods moving services, specialized transportation for sensitive freight such as computers and trade show exhibits, and warehouse storage services. AMSA has approximately 4,000 members, including domestic and international companies and industry suppliers, and supports programs and activities that promote consumer protection, professional development, safety, and operational efficiency. Find out more at ProMover.org and Moving.org.