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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****AHE Innovation Award: Industry Leaders Products, Services and Technology Achievements Are Recognized**

**Chicago, October 7, 2016** – The Association for the Healthcare Environment (AHE) announced today that Key Source International is the third ever environmental services industry leader to be presented with AHE’s prestigious Innovation Award.

The award was developed by the AHE Industry Advisory Task Force to recognize and increase awareness of improved products and processes and technology advancements that empower individuals to improve measured outcomes in the healthcare environment. AHE recognized the importance of being inclusive in its efforts to acknowledge the “best and brightest” and looked to challenge the existing expectations of performance, behavior, engineering and quality outcomes through innovation.

Key Source International’s San-a-Key Healthcare Technology System was selected because it transforms keyboards -a leading carrier of Hospital Associated Infections - into clean, customizable, real-time tools that fight cross contamination, and improves workflow, saves money and contributes big data. Receiving honorable mention is the ecotrash® PTC® & ZeroWaste® Bins by Compaction Technologies, Inc.

AHE was pleased that the third year of the competition received twelve highly competitive submissions from industry leaders, including: Fresh Wave IAQ (OMI Industries), Square Scrub, UMF Corporation, Clorox Professional Products Company, Compaction Technologies, Inc., Daylight Medical, Inc., Sealed Air Diversey Care, Karcher, Key Source International and Surfacide, LLC.

Any AHA member hospital, AHE affiliated local chapter, AHE professional active member, AHE associate member and any other individual or business seeking to improve outcomes in the healthcare environment were eligible to submit an innovation for consideration.

Additional insight into these innovations will be published in upcoming issues of Health Facilities Management magazine and AHE’s quarterly EXPLORE magazine.

For more information about AHE Awards and Recognition Program, visit [www.ahe.org/awards](http://www.ahe.org/awards) or call 312.422.3860.

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