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### **Abt Electronics Wins Better Business Bureau of Chicago Torch Award for Business Ethics**

GLENVIEW, ILL. – December 14, 2020 – Abt Electronics, the largest independently-owned, single-location retailer of electronics, appliances, and home goods in the country, has been presented the Torch Award for Business Ethics by the Better Business Bureau (BBB) of Chicago and Northern Illinois.

Given to just eight businesses in the Chicago metro area in 2020, the Torch Award spotlights companies that exemplify marketplace trust and excellence.

"The Torch Award is the most prestigious award the BBB can present to a business," said Steve J. Bernas, president & CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. "Torch Award winners demonstrate the highest ethical standards and trust with customers, business partners, shareholders and the communities in which they do business. Being a recipient of this award indicates the company not only believes in the high standards promoted by the BBB, but consistently demonstrates and integrates them into daily business practices."

Almost in its 85th year of business, Abt Electronics has become a one-stop-shop and retail destination for the Chicagoland community and beyond. Abt's ecommerce site, which launched in 1997, has also grown dramatically with thousands of items on display and online sales consistently hitting record numbers year over year. With a workforce of over 1,500 employees, the retailer prides itself on industry-leading customer service and offering perks such as free tech support, local same-day delivery, curbside pickup, price matching, and more.

"Receiving the Torch Award would not have been possible without the commitment of our entire team to making business ethics guide everything we do," said Mike Abt, co-president of Abt Electronics. "We take pride in operating each day at the highest levels of personal and professional integrity. On behalf of our employees, customers, partners and communities we serve, I'd like to personally thank the BBB for this tremendous distinction."

For further information, visit [www.abt.com](http://www.abt.com)

#### **Abt Electronics**

Abt Electronics was founded in 1936 when Jewel Abt loaned her husband Dave \$800 to open a small electronics store in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago. Abt has grown to become the largest independent, single-store retailer of electronics, appliances and home goods in the country. This third-generation family-run business (now run by Dave and Jewel's four grandchildren, Mike, Ricky, Jon and Billy, who share the title of co-president) is known for its award-winning customer service from its team of more than 1,500 expert staff members. Its Glenview, Ill.-based location boasts a 114,000 square-foot showroom on 37 acres. The entire facility, including its continually expanding state-of-the-art warehouse, totals over 450,000 square feet. The company has been recognized by the Chicago Tribune as one of the Top Large Workplaces in Chicago for ten consecutive years, taking the No. 1 position in 2016, 2012 and 2011. Abt has become an influencer on a national scale thanks to its thriving ecommerce



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website where customers can receive advice and customer support through the site's live chat feature, email and toll-free phone number. Abt is known for being an eco-friendly business and has an award-winning green program that includes bio-diesel trucks, LED lights, a rooftop solar array, an irrigation system that uses renewable rainwater, and a generator that provides electricity for nine hours of the day. Abt also has an on-premises 12,000 square-foot recycling center that takes in over 8,500 tons of waste per year including 95 percent of the company's own waste. In the center of the showroom is a beautiful atrium where customers gain access to its many boutique stores-within-a-store such as an Apple Boutique and a Connect Computer Store. For more information, visit [www.Abt.com](http://www.Abt.com).