

# News Release

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## Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation

### **AECC named one of Arkansas' Best Places to Work for second time**

**Little Rock, Ark.** — July 26, 2018 — For the second time in three years, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC) has been named as one of the Best Places to Work in Arkansas in Arkansas Business magazine's sixth annual contest.

"This award is a testament to the dedicated, service-oriented employees at AECC," said Duane Highley, president/CEO of AECC. "The more than 300 AECC employees work daily to ensure that electric cooperative members have reliable, affordable electricity and work diligently to improve the quality of life for Arkansans."

As a local, not-for-profit generation and transmission (G&T) electric cooperative, AECC provides wholesale energy and transmission services to Arkansas' 17 electric distribution cooperatives that serve more than 1.2 million consumers. AECC is also one of the leading G&Ts in the nation in many areas, including wholesale power cost.

"We exist to serve our distribution cooperative members, who provide retail electricity and services to their members in 74 counties," he said. "Community service and teamwork are areas in which our employees excel. The work environment at AECC has what we call "the cooperative spirit", meaning a strong desire to serve others."

According to Arkansas Business, the survey and awards program is designed to identify, recognize and honor the best employers in Arkansas, benefiting the state's economy, workforce and businesses. The list is made up of 40 companies with AECC being one of the 2018 winners.

According to Arkansas Business, the Best Places to Work contest involves a two-part survey process. One component evaluates the company's workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems and demographics. The final component is an employee survey to measure employees' workplace experience and is worth approximately 75 percent of the total evaluation.

For more information on the Best Places to Work in Arkansas program, visit [www.BestPlacestoWorkAR.com](http://www.BestPlacestoWorkAR.com).

Founded in 1949, AECC is one of the top generation and transmission cooperatives in the United States. AECC, based in Little Rock, is owned by the state's 17 distribution cooperatives that provide electricity to approximately 500,000 homes, farms and businesses in Arkansas and surrounding states.

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