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### **Smith Earns Lubricants Award**

ST. PAUL, MINN. (Nov. 25, 2013) — Phil Smith, lubricants department manager for Aurora Cooperative in Aurora, Neb., recently received a 2013 Energy Summit Award from CHS Inc., a leading energy, grains and foods company and the nation’s largest farmer-owned cooperative. Smith was honored at the Cenex Energy Summit in Phoenix, where he received the Energy Summit Award in the lubricants category.

“Aurora Cooperative has achieved remarkable growth in its lubricants market share among the agriculture, fleet, commercial and construction segments,” said Rick Cummings, vice president, CHS lubricants. “Not content to simply ‘change with the times,’ Phil anticipates and prepares for what’s next. During the past year, Aurora Cooperative has embraced advanced lubricants training, expanded its sales force and invested in new equipment to insure it maintains the high standards of customer service it has provided for more than a century.”

Energy Summit Awards are awarded based on volume growth, local department profitability, program utilization, collaboration, industry leadership and positioning for long-term success. Smith and leaders from four other top energy businesses were recognized at the annual Cenex Energy Summit, a gathering of the top 150 CHS energy customers.

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