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EMC Insurance Companies Honored by Independent Insurance Agents

DES MOINES, Iowa (July 7, 2014) — EMC Insurance Companies was chosen as Company of the Year by the Independent Insurance Agents of Arkansas (Arkansas Big "I"). EMC's Kansas City Branch (which serves policyholders in three states, with Arkansas as their largest market) accepted the award at the 113th Annual Convention of Arkansas Big "I" held June 8-10, 2014, in Hot Springs, Ark.

"We are honored to receive this award from the agency force in Arkansas and the Independent Insurance Agents of Arkansas," said EMC Resident Vice President and Kansas City Branch Manager Ben DeHart. "We value the strong relationships we have with our Arkansas agents, and we are committed to continuing the superior level of service and extra value that earned this award." The award is given to the company that has the best accessibility and underwriting friendliness, knowledgeable field representatives and competitive pricing.

About EMC Insurance Companies

EMC Insurance Companies is among the top 50 insurance organizations in the country based on net written premium, with assets over \$3 billion and more than 2,100 employees. The company was organized in 1911 to write workers' compensation protection in Iowa. Today, EMC provides property and casualty insurance products and services throughout the United States and writes reinsurance contracts worldwide. Operating under the trade name EMC Insurance Companies, Employers Mutual Casualty Company and one or more of its affiliated companies is licensed in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For more information, visit www.emcins.com and www.CountonEMC.com.

About the Independent Insurance Agents of Arkansas

Founded in 1901, the Independent Insurance Agents of Arkansas represents 350 member agencies in the state and is affiliated with the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, the nation's largest independent agent association.

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