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Hamal Receives Ohm Award

The 2023 **Ryan Ohm Memorial Award** goes to **Kris Hamal** of **GT Gordon & Associates**. In his nomination, it was noted that Hamal's grasp on contractor relationships is "intense but feels natural". In presenting the award, Chris Tarantello noted that "He (Hamal) knows owners of companies as well as their folks in the shop. It doesn't matter if that person has their name on the building or sweeps floors. Kris interacts with them."

In September of 2021, Milwaukee Valve was rocked by the unexpected passing of Ryan Ohm, Milwaukee Valve's national sales manager. Ohm was a positive force known throughout the entire valve industry, and an enthusiastic promoter of Milwaukee and Hammond Valve products and initiatives. In recognition of his outstanding service and long-standing support of all of Milwaukee and Hammond's sales representative agencies, Milwaukee Valve established the **Ryan Ohm Memorial Award**. The award is given to the individual who most exemplifies the spirit and dedication that Ryan brought to Milwaukee Valve and Hammond Valve products and promotion of those products throughout the valve industry, with a focus on the mechanical contractor community.

Hamal's organization has built relationships across a broad territory, stretching the Pacific Northwest as well as Hawaii. The strength of these relationships has proven to be invaluable to our distribution partners.



Kris Hamal of GT Gordon & Associates received the 2023 Ryan Ohm Award from Milwaukee Valve.

Milwaukee Valve will donate \$1,000 to the Marklund Fund as the charity of choice for the Ohm family. The family remains very active in children's ministries and local and global service projects.

For questions or to nominate a worthy candidate for the 2024 Award, please contact your Milwaukee Valve regional manager.



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