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**Gas South Honored as Bronze Stevie® Award Winner in  
2017 American Business Awards<sup>SM</sup>**

*HR Department Recognized for Cultivating a Top Work Environment*

(Atlanta – May 3, 2017) – Gas South received a Bronze Stevie® Award in the [HR Department of the Year](#) category in The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual American Business Awards. This is the first year Gas South has been honored at the ABAs, the nation’s premier business awards program.

Throughout 2016, the human resources team of six implemented pivotal changes to mark Gas South’s tenth year in business. The department supported the introduction of a \$15 minimum wage, formalized the corporate wellness program, revamped the internal learning management system and updated the attendance policy to allow more flexibility for Gas South’s more than 200 employees.

“Our small but mighty HR team is hyper focused on creating a top work environment,” said Meredith Hodges, Gas South vice president of human resources and external affairs. “As we continue to build Gas South’s reputation as a great place to work, we’re creating new programs and initiatives that inspire and engage our amazing employees.”

More than 3,600 nominations from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted this year for consideration. All organizations operating in the U.S.A. are eligible to submit nominations – public and private, for-profit and non-profit, large and small.

“Each year the judges find the quality and variety of the nominations to be greater than the year before. The 2017 competition was intense and every organization that has won should be proud,” said Michael Gallagher, president and founder of the Stevie Awards.

Details about The American Business Awards and the list of 2017 Stevie winners are available at [www.StevieAwards.com/ABA](http://www.StevieAwards.com/ABA).

### **About Gas South**

Gas South is a leading provider of natural gas in competitive retail markets and serves approximately 300,000 residential, business and governmental customers throughout Georgia and Florida. Based in Atlanta, the company distinguishes itself by offering great everyday low rates, outstanding local customer service, and a dedication to give back to the communities it serves. Gas South is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cobb EMC, one of the country's largest electric cooperatives. For more information, visit [www.gassouth.com](http://www.gassouth.com).

### **About the Stevie Awards**

Stevie Awards are conferred in seven programs: the Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards, the German Stevie Awards, The American Business Awards, The International Business Awards, the Stevie Awards for Women in Business, the Stevie Awards for Great Employers, and the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. Stevie Awards competitions receive more than 10,000 entries each year from organizations in more than 60 nations. Honoring organizations of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. Learn more about the Stevie Awards at [www.StevieAwards.com](http://www.StevieAwards.com).

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