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Arpco Valves and Controls Named SBA Woman Owned Business of the Year

Longview, TX - **The UT Tyler-Longview Small Business Development Center (SBDC)**, announces that its client, **Arpco Valves and Controls** of Kilgore, Texas, has been named Woman Owned Business of the Year by the Small Business Administration Dallas/Fort Worth Office. "Arpco is an amazing local success story and one that should make East Texans very proud," says Day Shelmire, Director of the SBDC. "CEO Bobbie Hurley O'Dell has done a great job in growing her company in an industry that has traditionally been dominated by men."

Arpco Valves & Controls provides products and services that ensure maximum safety and productivity for those who work in close proximity to oil and gas wells. The company provides a diverse range of high-quality valves and control systems that make oil and gas field operations reliable, efficient, and above all, safe.

"Working with Bobbie Hurley O'Dell and the Arpco Valves & Controls team has been an honor," says SBDC Business Advisor Brandy Flanagan. "During challenging times, Bobbie's proactive engagement with the SBDC showcased her unwavering commitment to growth and adaptability. Her exemplary leadership has not only propelled Arpco to new heights but has also enriched our local community. This award is a fitting tribute to the team's dedication and serves as an inspiring beacon for women entrepreneurs, illustrating that with determination and strategic vision, any goal is attainable."

"This award is such an honor for my company," says O'Dell. "Working with Brandy and the Longview SBDC has been a game changer. Their support over the past five years has helped us grow this business and plan for a sustainable future."

In addition to growing and running a successful business, O'Dell wants to be an inspiration to young girls and women who want to start their own businesses. "I want my grand-daughters to see that anything is possible for women in business. I want them to know through my example that in every industry a woman can achieve success and accomplish their dreams."

Key Highlights of Arpco Valves and Controls:

Arpco Valves & Controls, LLC, headquartered in Kilgore, Texas, is a leading provider of emergency shutdown systems for the oil and gas industry.

- **Innovative Products**

- **ZEUS Compressor Package:** Zero-emission system enhancing environmental sustainability.
- **Legacy Valve:** Bi-directional safety valve with a reverse-acting gate, designed for durability and efficiency.
- **Comprehensive Services**
 - **Maintenance & Inspection:** Ensuring optimal performance of valves and control systems.
 - **Professional Installation:** Seamless integration of equipment into client operations.
 - **Asset Rebuild & Repair:** Extending the lifespan of critical components.
 - **Custom Educational Solutions:** Tailored training programs for client teams.
- **24/7 Emergency Dispatch:** Round-the-clock support ensuring immediate response to operational issues.
- **Community Engagement:** Active participation in local events and organizations, reflecting a strong commitment to community support.

Arpco Valves and Controls is the first UT Tyler-Longview SBDC client that has won this prestigious award that is bestowed annually by the Small Business Administration.

For more information on Arpco Valves and Controls please contact CEO Bobbie Hurley O'Dell at 903-834-7007 or visit <https://arpcovalves.com/>.

For more information on how the UT Tyler-Longview SBDC can help you start or grow your business, please visit longviewsbdc.com or contact us at 903-757-5857 or email longviewsbdc@uttyler.edu.

About the UT Tyler-Longview Small Business Development Center (SBDC):

The (SBDC) is dedicated to fostering economic growth by providing expert guidance and resources to entrepreneurs and small businesses in Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Panola, Rusk and Upshur Counties of East Texas. Offering a range of services, including business planning, funding strategies, market analysis, and operational advice, the SBDC helps local businesses navigate challenges and scale their operations. With a focus on sustainable growth and community development, the SBDC is committed to empowering business owners to succeed and create lasting economic impact in the region.