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H.E. Sutton Forwarding and TOBA Announce Sponsorship for National Awards Dinner

LEXINGTON, Ky. – The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association announced today that H.E. "Tex" Sutton Forwarding Company has been named as a sponsor of the 2014 TOBA National Awards Dinner to be held in Lexington, Ky. on September 5.

"We are honored to be sponsoring the TOBA National Awards Dinner and look forward to being a part of this exciting evening, which recognizes outstanding achievements in Thoroughbred racing and breeding," said Rob Clark, Owner and President of H.E. Sutton Forwarding Company.

"We are very pleased with our new partnership with Tex Sutton for this year's National Awards Dinner," said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA. "The agreement includes equine air transportation to be offered in our silent auction and we are very appreciative of their support."

The TOBA National Awards Dinner honors owners and breeders from 22 states and Canada. Also honored are four Regional Owners of the Year, a National Owner of the Year, two National Breeders of the Year, the Broodmare of the Year and the Rood & Riddle Sport Horse of the Year.

About H.E. Sutton Forwarding Company

H.E. Sutton Forwarding Company was established in 1957 by the late Halford Ewel "Tex" Sutton. H.E. Sutton first arranged the shipment of horses by railcar, and then ventured into air transport. The company employs experienced, capable horsemen to load, unload and attend to the needs of horses during flights.

About TOBA

TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization of leading Thoroughbred breeders and owners. TOBA's mission is to "*improve the economics*, *integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of Thoroughbred owners and breeders*." Projects managed by TOBA include the American Graded Stakes Committee, Claiming Crown,

Ownership Seminars, Ownerview.com and the Sales Integrity Program. TOBA provides international representation for U.S. owners and breeders on the International Grading and Race Planning Advisory Committee, International Cataloguing Standards Committee and International Breeders Federation. Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) is the charitable arm of TOBA. TOBA is the owner of The Blood-Horse Inc., and is represented on the Board of Directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium as founding members.