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► Arkansas City based Skyline Corporation receives

Best Housing Service Department

The service department at Skyline Corporation in Arkansas City was recently named the best housing service department in the corporation. There are 16 manufactured housing facilities in the United States owned by Skyline, and five RV manufacturing facilities. The company chose the local group based on research done by an independent company they hired for the study.

Service department manager Doug Thomas, along with technicians Jose Ramirez, Jack Kidder and Cliff Overton, were given the award for their work in a 10-state area that covers an area from New Mexico to Arkansas.

"This award is an indication of the quality work of our service department, and it is also an indication of the quality home that all our employees build. Without a quality 6 product, a service department of four could not keep up," said plant manager Roy Pepper.



Skyline builds manufactured homes, and has doubled its output in the last year. They are now averaging 15 floors per week, up from seven a year ago. A floor is a single-wide manufactured home, and a double-wide would be two floors. When they leave the Arkansas City plant, they are essentially ready to live in. This is the first time the award has been given out, and the company hopes to make it an annual award. Pepper added that the company is continuing to expand and more workers are needed.

"We have 85 people now, and could use an additional 15," he said. Skyline is taking applications from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the facility on Skyline Drive. They will be open next Saturday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. to take applications.