



VESTEX Wins Innovation Honors from Edison Awards & *Apparel Magazine*

Protective healthcare worker apparel technology acknowledged for potential to prevent the spread of infectious disease

ORLANDO, Fla. – April 24, 2015 – [Vestagen Technical Textiles, Inc.](#) today announced that its proprietary textile technology, VESTEX[®], has recently received two notable innovation awards. The first is the prestigious Edison Award, a global competition that recognizes innovations with potential to create a positive impact in the world. At a ceremony last night in New York City, VESTEX received the Silver Edison Award in the Material Science “Protection & Safety” category. The awards honor excellence in new product and service development, marketing, human-centered design and innovation.

“We are extremely honored to receive this accolade from the Edison organization. At Vestagen, our mission is to use clinically-proven textile technology to better protect people from infectious organisms and other contaminants,” said Uncas “Ben” B. Favret III, founder and president of Vestagen. “In the spirit of the Edison Awards, we developed VESTEX fabric, the first healthcare apparel to combine fluid repellency with antimicrobial and breathability properties, as an alternative to conventional uniforms worn today that harbor and transmit dangerous pathogens. Our goal is to facilitate widespread adoption of protective uniforms as the universally accepted standard for healthcare workers and their patients.”

VESTEX also recently received an “[Innovator Award](#)” from *Apparel Magazine*. Innovator Awards are bestowed upon apparel retailers, brands and manufacturers that have demonstrated innovation along the apparel supply chain and/or revolutionary new products and designs.

“Our goal with VESTEX is to help propel a transformation of healthcare worker and patient attire by applying new technologies to redefine expectations of protection and comfort. Our progress to date in achieving this goal is highlighted by these new honors. They follow our recent exclusive [endorsement](#) by the American Hospital Association and we’re very proud to see VESTEX being recognized as the leader in healthcare attire by a diversity of highly respected organizations,” said Dale Pfost, PhD, CEO of Vestagen.

About Vestex

Developed by Vestagen, VESTEX[®] is the original active barrier protective fabric technology, combining antimicrobial, liquid repellent and breathability properties. Healthcare lab coats, scrubs and patient gowns made with Vestex fabric are proven in a hospital setting to protect workers’ garments from acquiring contaminants that can spread to patients and the community. Vestex fabrics are utilized in the myGuardian™ and myComfort™ lines manufactured and sold

directly by Vestagen, as well as retail partners and select distributors. VESTEX fabric is also available for garment production by approved licensees. For a list of retailers and distributors, visit [Vestagen.com/vestex-customers-distributors](https://vestagen.com/vestex-customers-distributors).

About Vestagen

At Vestagen Technical Textiles, our mission is to protect people with innovative technical textile technologies that are scientifically-proven. Vestagen's proprietary VESTEX® active barrier protective fabric is the first to combine antimicrobial, liquid repellent and breathability properties to protect wearers from exposure to potentially harmful contaminants in any environment. The privately-held, venture-backed company has technologies that can serve the healthcare, food service and athletic markets, among others. For more information, visit vestagen.com.

About the Edison Awards

Since 1987, the Edison Awards™ have recognized and honored some of the most innovative new products, services and business leaders in America. The Awards are named after Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931) whose extraordinary new product and market development methods garnered him 1,093 U.S. patents and made him a household name across the world. The Edison Awards symbolize the persistence and excellence personified by Thomas Edison, while also strengthening the human drive for innovation, creativity and ingenuity. To learn more about the Edison Awards, visit edisonawards.com.

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