

# SESCO Lighting Announces Acquisition of Thomas Harris & Co., Inc.

**Maitland, FL, Sept. 10, 2026** - SESCO Lighting, Inc., headquartered in Maitland, FL, has announced they will acquire the Virginia lighting and controls agency, Thomas Harris & Co., Inc., as of January 1, 2027. Thomas Harris & Co., founded in 1958, is a well-respected Virginia-based lighting and controls specification agency servicing customers throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The acquisition expands SESCO's presence into the Mid-Atlantic region and advances the company's long-term strategy of expanding its geographic reach, technical expertise, and customer support capabilities through selective growth opportunities.

"Thomas Harris & Co. has built an outstanding reputation for customer service, technical expertise, and strong manufacturer partnerships throughout Virginia," said John Palk, President and CEO of SESCO Lighting. "We have tremendous respect for the long history and legacy of Thomas Harris & Co. and we are excited to welcome their entire team into the SESCO family. Together, we will be even better positioned to support our customers, manufacturers, and distributor partners, while creating new opportunities for growth throughout the region."

Originally founded by Thomas P. Harris, Jr., the organization has been led for the last 34 years by Steve and Nancy Clarke. Thomas Harris & Co. continues to be a trusted resource for lighting, controls, and specification support across Virginia. The company has established long-standing relationships with distributors, contractors, engineers, architects, and end users by providing responsive service and deep industry knowledge.

As part of the transaction, the Thomas Harris team will continue serving customers throughout Virginia while leveraging SESCO's expanded resources, technology platforms, operational infrastructure, and broader portfolio of lighting and controls solutions. The companies expect a seamless transition that preserves the customer-focused culture and local market expertise that have contributed to Thomas Harris & Co.'s success.

"We are excited about the future and the opportunities this combination creates for our employees, customers, and manufacturer partners," said Steve Clarke. "SESCO shares our commitment to relationships, service excellence, and long-term growth. We believe this is an excellent fit for our team and the customers we serve."

The acquisition reflects SESCO's continued commitment to strategic expansion and investment in the lighting and controls industry's future. By combining complementary strengths, the organizations will deliver enhanced market coverage, technical support, and value-added services while maintaining the high level of responsiveness customers expect.

**ABOUT SESCO Lighting, Inc.:** Founded in 1967, SESCO Lighting, a 100% Employee-Owned company, has consistently grown throughout the years. SESCO maintains a core philosophy of bringing value to the local markets while strengthening partnerships with some of the industry's most respected lighting and controls manufacturers. With more than 650 employees reaching 12 states, 34 offices, and 10 Resource Divisions, SESCO Lighting continues to bring value and leadership into each local market.