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Chicago's Christy Webber Landscapes Greenworks Project Wins National Architecture and Engineering Award

Eco-industrial Office Park Supports Sustainability

CHICAGO, DECEMBER 28, 2008 – The Christy Webber Landscapes Greenworks project has earned national recognition in the 2008 Innovative Design in Engineering and Architecture with Structural Steel awards program (IDEAS²), and members of the project team will be presented with awards from the American Institute of Steel Construction during a public ceremony at the eco-industrial complex on Monday, December 15 at 10am. Conducted annually by AISC, the IDEAS² awards recognize outstanding achievements in engineering and architecture on structural steel projects around the country.

Project team members include Drucker Zajdel Structural Engineers Inc., Naperville, Ill; steel fabricator and detailer on the project, Steel Sales & Service, Lansing, Ill., an AISC member; steel erector M&I Steel, Channahon, Ill; sustainable urbanism and architecture firm Farr Associates, Chicago, Ill; consultants Aerotecture International Inc., Chicago, Ill; and general contractor The George Sollitt Construction Co., Wood Dale, Ill.

The Christy Webber Landscapes Greenworks project is a Merit Winner in the category of Projects Less than \$15 million, making it one of only three around the country to earn an award in this classification. Each year, the IDEAS² awards honor National and Merit award winners in three categories, based on constructed value: Projects Less than \$15 million; Projects \$15 million to \$75 million; and Projects Greater than \$75 million. Each project is judged on its use of structural steel, with an emphasis on creative solutions to project requirements; design innovation; aesthetic and visual impact of the project; innovative use of architecturally exposed structural steel; technical or architectural advances in the use of steel; the use of innovative design and construction methods; and sustainable design.

“The Christy Webber Landscapes Greenworks project shows how to integrate sustainability in an urban environment,” stated Jerry Paul of contractor Hensel-Phelps and one of the panel judges.

For more than a century, a 12-acre land parcel just west of downtown Chicago was used for industrial purposes, serving as the home to one railroad company, then another, then a rock-crushing operation, and finally a city impound lot. Fast-forward to the 21st century, when the principals of Christy Webber Landscapes (CWL) proposed a new vision for the site; the

organization recently assembled a professional team and formed a company called Chicago GreenWorks to develop the area into an eco-industrial office park.

From conception to completion of the project, the focus was on a thoroughly integrated design approach to make the most of free, renewable and recycled resources to achieve a highly energy efficient building, a LEED Platinum building.

Lucien Lagrange of Lucien Lagrange Architects, Chicago, was also a judge in the competition and commented on the project, “Steel and sustainability come together to create beautiful architecture.”

The use of structural steel in the Christy Webber Landscapes Greenworks project was included throughout the energy generation and energy saving features as well as the overall architecture. Structural steel's high recycled content and its suitability to carry the heavy green roof loads made it a natural choice for this LEED Platinum structure. All of the exposed structural steel was fabricated with standard AISC tolerances and finishes to reduce the additional energy use associated with AESS (Architecturally Exposed Structural Steel) fabrication.

The IDEAS² awards are among the nation's most prestigious in the fields of architecture and engineering, with the annual program dating back over 70 years to the earliest years of AISC's existence. Roger E. Ferch, P.E. president of AISC, said, “The entire Christy Webber Landscapes Greenworks project team has shown how structural steel can be used to create buildings that combine beauty and practicality. The result is a facility that serves its inhabitants extremely well, while providing an example of what can be achieved when designing and constructing projects with steel.”

The nine IDEAS² winners for 2008 were chosen from more than 85 submissions received by architectural and engineering firms throughout the U.S. Each submission is reviewed and award winners are selected by a nationally recognized panel of design and construction industry professionals. Included among the 2008 Merit winners are the Taxi² commercial/residential mixed use project in Denver, CO; The Oratory at Ave Maria University in Ave Marie, FL; the Las Vegas Springs Visitor Center in Las Vegas, NV; and the Bronx County Hall of Justice in Bronx, NY.

Photos of the Christy Webber Landscapes Greenworks project are available upon request. Please contact Kristen Kepnick at kristen@christywebber.com or 773.533.0477

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