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CHICAGO GREENWORKS RECEIVES CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Chicago, Illinois – February 8, 2008 – Chicago GreenWorks received the Chicago Neighborhood Development Award (CNDA) for “Outstanding For-Profit Neighborhood Real Estate Project” for its Rancho Verde eco-industrial park development.

About the Award

Established in 1995, the LISC/Chicago Neighborhood Development Awards (CNDA) recognize the essential role that both non-profit and for-profit developers play in building communities in Chicago area neighborhoods. The awards “recognize outstanding achievement in neighborhood real estate development and community building, especially the achievements of community development corporations (CDCs), other community-based organizations and for-profit developers working to build healthier neighborhoods in the Chicago metropolitan area.”

About Rancho Verde

Rancho Verde received the CNDA for its innovative sustainable approach to redeveloping a brownfield site and breathing new life into a neighborhood in need of investment and opportunity. Christy Webber Landscapes (CWL) is headquartered at Rancho Verde, with approximately 180 employees based out of the site. In 2007, the CWL headquarters building was awarded a LEED Platinum rating by the US Green Building Council.

Rancho Verde has been designed incorporating a high performance infrastructure, including an innovative, comprehensive stormwater management system. Rainwater that falls on the property is filtered through an integrated “treatment train” of best management practices, including lot line bioswales and a porous-bottomed detention basin.

Some of the key green building design features of the CWL headquarters building are:

- **Green roof:** Intensive and extensive green roof system accentuates building, captures and stores rainwater and insulates structure
- **Geothermal heating and cooling system:** Harvests the consistently moderate temperature within the earth’s surface to heat the building in winter and keep it cool in summer

- **Active and passive solar thermal:** Supplements geothermal system for winter heat, supplies domestic hot water and provides heat to warehouse building

Rancho Verde complements its neighbor to the west, the City of Chicago's LEED Platinum rated Chicago Center for Green Technology, by demonstrating the private sector can apply the lessons pioneered by the public sector and still be profitable.

The company has launched an informational website (<http://www.chicagogreenworks.com>) that chronicles the development of their new headquarters and the numerous green systems and products incorporated into the design of Rancho Verde.