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CHRISTY WEBBER LANDSCAPES Ranked One of the 100 Largest Landscape Firms

Leading trade magazine for the professional landscape industry releases its 11th annual list of the industry's 100 largest revenue-generating firms.

Chicago, Illinois – *Lawn & Landscape* magazine, the leading trade publication serving the professional lawn and landscape contractor industry, ranked Christy Webber Landscapes the 87th largest landscape company on its recently published Top 100 list.

The list, published in *Lawn & Landscape's* June issue, highlights the 100 largest companies in the fast-growing landscape industry based on 2007 year-end revenue. Companies on the list provide a range of green industry services including landscape maintenance, chemical lawn care/fertilization, landscape design/build/installation, irrigation installation/maintenance and tree and ornamental care. Top 100 firms are headquartered in 24 states; two are based in Ontario.

"The *Lawn & Landscape* Top 100 was created not only to recognize the size and scope of the professional landscape industry, but to spotlight the achievements of the entrepreneurs in our industry who have contributed exceptionally to the quality of residential and commercial landscapes across the country," says Cindy Code, editorial director for *Lawn & Landscape* magazine. "Our annual list is more than a list of big companies and top revenues. Our report also includes snapshots of unique business strategies and approaches that the entire landscape industry and business community can learn from."

Christy Webber Landscapes is a full-service landscape provider offering design, construction and maintenance programs to residential, commercial and municipal clients throughout Chicago. Christy Webber founded the company in 1990, running one truck and a small crew from her kitchen table. Today, the company has 250 employees and an expansive fleet of trucks, trailers and equipment serving clients throughout Chicago. Their work consists of a healthy balance of residential, commercial and municipal customers located within the city limits of Chicago.

Collectively, this year's *Lawn & Landscape* Top 100 generated a total of \$7.1 billion in revenue – a significant portion of the highly regional, fragmented industry, estimated to be a \$52-billion marketplace.

According to this year's survey, Illinois is home to the most Top 100 companies with 15 businesses headquartered there. California and Florida are close behind; each is home to 14 Top 100 headquarters.

For more information or the complete list, contact *Lawn & Landscape* Senior Editor Marisa Palmieri at mpalmieri@gie.net or 330/523-5375.

Lawn & Landscape magazine, with a circulation of 80,000 contractors nationwide, is the leading publication serving the dynamic professional lawn and landscape contractor market. It's published by Richfield, Ohio-based GIE Media, Inc., which also publishes GIE Media's SNOW Magazine, Commercial Dealer, Professional Landscape Design, PCT Magazine and Golf Course Industry. For more information, visit www.lawnandlandscape.com or www.gie.net.

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