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CHICAGO GREENWORKS RECEIVES CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION'S PATRON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Chicago, Illinois – November 12, 2008 – Chicago GreenWorks received the Chicago Architecture Foundation's Patron of the Year award for its Rancho Verde eco-industrial park development.

About the Award

The Patron of the Year Award is designed to acknowledge patrons of architecture in the Chicago area. Honorees may be individuals, corporations, institutions or government bodies who have commissioned and executed projects that significantly advance Chicago's outstanding built environment. Each year, a committee comprised of prominent members of Chicago's business, philanthropic and cultural communities selects five recipients from a competitive list of nominees to be named Patron of the Year.

About Rancho Verde

Rancho Verde represents an innovative approach to the redevelopment of a brownfield site. The entire site was designed with 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.

Christy Webber Landscapes (CWL) operates from its LEED Platinum rated headquarters building at Rancho Verde, with approximately 180 employees based out of the site.

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

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.