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### **Christy Webber Landscapes Receives Governor's Pollution Prevention Award**

**CHICAGO, OCTOBER 27, 2008** – Christy Webber Landscapes has been awarded a 2008 Illinois Governor's Pollution Prevention Award for the development of their headquarters building and the Rancho Verde eco-industrial park. The Pollution Prevention Awards are presented annually to Illinois businesses and organizations that have reduced their output of various forms of waste to better the environment.

Applicants were evaluated on the following criteria: waste volume/toxicity reduction, economic benefits, management commitment, employee/member participation, benefits to workers, community, or environment and relevance to others.

According to the Governor, "the pollution prevention programs and activities that you have undertaken reflect your strong commitment to the well being of your clients, employees and neighbors. Your actions certainly serve as an example for others to follow."

#### **About Christy Webber Landscapes**

Christy Webber Landscapes is a full-service landscape provider offering design, construction and maintenance programs to residential, commercial and municipal clients throughout Chicago. Webber followed her love for the outdoors and her father's entrepreneurial spirit, founding the company in 1990. In the early days, Webber ran one truck and a small crew from her kitchen table. Today, the company has over 250 employees and an expansive fleet of trucks, trailers and equipment serving Chicago. The company's work consists of a healthy balance of residential, commercial and municipal customers all located within the city limits of Chicago.

In addition to her work in the landscaping industry, in 2003 Webber formed a development company called Chicago GreenWorks. The company's first project was Rancho Verde, an eco-industrial park on Chicago's west side. Rancho Verde has won numerous awards for its environmentally sensitive approach to redeveloping a brownfield site in a disadvantaged community. Some of the site's innovative features are a unique stormwater management system (including a green roof, bioswales and a rain garden) and the first Chicago public street with porous paving and induction street lighting. Also located on the site and designed in this same spirit is Christy Webber Landscapes' headquarters building. In 2007, the building was awarded a LEED Platinum rating, the US Green Building Council's highest classification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).