

2007 Award Winners

Technology & Electronics:

Sharp, the recipient of the Evergreen Award under the Technologies and Electronics industry category, holds MAS contracts for copier products, multi-function devices, and LCD panels and projectors. Sharp is the world's leading manufacturer of solar cells and panels and has received accolades from various government and industry associations for their environmentally conscious efforts. Sharp's newest "super green" factories recycle 100% of their wastewater and have zero discharge to landfills. In addition to reducing the negative environmental impacts in production facilities, Sharp is working to "lead the way into an era of clean energy" by expanding the use of solar power. The company sees this as both an environmental and social responsibility. In March of 2007, Sharp won the prestigious American Business Award for Best Corporate Social Responsibility Program for a charity reconstruction project in New Orleans, Louisiana, where the company installed 10 new Sharp solar power systems in homes severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Furniture:

Spectrum Industries, a small business located in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, received the Evergreen Award under the Furniture category. Spectrum is a provider of a wide variety of office furniture including tables, chairs, workstations, filing and storage cabinets, racks and accessories. Spectrum has become a model facility in both their industry and community by implementing environmental sustainability initiatives that include waste prevention, material recovery and recycling, and environmentally conscious product design. Since 1998, Spectrum has used powder-coating technology as a replacement for solvent-based finishes, reducing the combined air emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) by sixty percent. Spectrum has also teamed up with another firm, Comprehensive Recycling, to collect and recover plastic material resulting from the manufacturing process for recycling and reuse. When Spectrum acquired a new manufacturing facility and corporate headquarters in 2005, they purchased several acres of wetland which they will continue to preserve in all future expansions and facility improvements. In 2007, Spectrum installed a new environmentally conscious paint line and wash system in this facility, which saves energy by operating at room temperature, eliminating the need to heat the wash solution. During the wash any excess cleaning solution is captured, filtered and recycled.

Furnishings:

The Mohawk Group, a leader in the world's commercial flooring industry, received the Evergreen Award under the Furnishings category. Mohawk has made significant investments in state-of-the-art technologies to create environmentally friendly products while implementing sustainable practices both inside and outside of their facilities across the nation. Recycled materials in Mohawk's five brands including Karastan, Lees, Mohawk Commercial, Bigelow Commercial and Durkan Hospitality have kept more than 17 billion plastic bottles

and 720,000 tires out of landfills. Mohawk has recently developed the technology to produce a modular carpet backing called Encycle that is 100% thermoplastic, PVC free and contains 35 percent post-industrial recycled content by total weight. Mohawk plans to convert all of its products to the Encycle backing system by 2008. In addition to their commitment of advancing environmentally friendly technological solutions, Mohawk strives to preserve natural resources in local communities. Since 1987 Lees Carpets, a division of the Mohawk Group, has been a member of the Business for the Bay organization which reduces and prevents pollution in the waterways that feed into the Chesapeake Bay. Mohawk's facility in Glasgow, Virginia is located near the Jefferson National Forest on the headwaters of the James River and is monitored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the National Forest Service. The facility has made substantial improvements in environmental impact, reducing water usage by 84 percent, solid waste by 53 percent, and increasing the use of recycled materials by 128 percent.

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Southern Aluminum, a HUBZone certified small business located in Magnolia, Arkansas (AR) received the Evergreen Award for furniture. The company takes great strides in waste prevention, recycling, and affirmative procurement to manufacture a durable, sustainable product that will exceed customer's expectations. Southern Aluminum manufactures Alulite® Folding Tables, MardisGras™ Tables, iDesign® Training Tables, Alulite® Portable Stages, and Southern Piknik® tables and benches, all of which are on contract with GSA. All of Southern Aluminum's products are crafted from 100% recyclable aluminum and their tables are shipboard approved. Southern Aluminum's manufacturing process yields minimum waste and all unused aluminum is recovered and melted into new extrusions.

Technology & Electronics:

Xerox Corporation, headquartered in Stamford, Connecticut, received the Evergreen Award under the Technologies and Electronics industry category. Xerox provides document solutions, services and systems -- including color and black-and-white printers, digital presses, multifunction devices and digital copiers -- designed for offices and production-printing environments. Xerox is committed to the protection of the environment and the health and safety of its employees, customers, and neighbors, and over the past 40 years it has demonstrated leadership in sustainability by designing "waste-free" products built in "waste-free" plants, investing in innovation that delivers measurable benefits to the environment, and many other integrated initiatives.

2005 Award Winners

Technology & Electronics:

Kyocera Mita America, Inc., headquartered in Fairfield, N.J., was awarded under the Technologies and Electronics industry category. The company is a leading provider of computer-connectable peripherals, including network-ready digital copiers/printers, laser printers, color copiers/printers, digital laser facsimiles and multifunctional and wide format imaging solutions. Kyocera Mita America continuously strives to provide products that do not harm the environment. Their products surpass environmental standards of many countries, including America's Energy Star, Japan's Eco Mark, Germany's Blue Angel, and Canada's Eco Logo. A few ways this company demonstrates their commitment to minimizing environmental impact of its products include the use of lead free solder on circuit boards, bromine-free resins in external copier casings, and the use of biodegradable packaging. In addition, all Kyocera America plants have been certified under the ISO 14001 Environmental Management standard.

Furniture:

Watson Furniture Group, a small business, received the Evergreen Award under the Furniture category. Watson is a provider of European-inspired office furniture, adjustable workstations, and is a leading supplier of console furniture for emergency communications and dispatch centers. Located in Poulsbo, Washington, across the Puget Sound from Seattle, Watson has pioneered the principles of adjustability, space-efficient shapes and design for technology decades before they became standards in the furniture industry. Furniture manufactured by Watson uses recycled and recyclable materials that can help customers meet environmental standards in their buildings, and their facility was designed to meet key elements of the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. Watson is a member of the EPA WasteWise program, a recipient of the Washington State Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention and Sustainable Practices and is a designated "Green Business" in Kitsap County.

Furnishings:

Shaw Industries, the world's largest carpet manufacturer, produces carpet, carpet tiles, rugs, ceramic, hardwood and laminate floors for residential and commercial applications worldwide, and received the Evergreen award under the Furnishings category. Headquartered in Dalton, GA, Shaw received Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognition as a recipient of the Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award for development of their EcoWorx carpet tile backing, specifically designed for recycling. Most recently, Shaw received the State of North Carolina Sustainability Award in the Product Stewardship category for its environmental commitment and design through the use of EcoSolution Q yarn with post consumer recycled content and EcoWorx backing. Shaw guarantees pickup of carpet tiles at the end of their useful life for recycling into more EcoWorx tiles at no cost to the consumer. To help ensure

EcoWorx is returned to the manufacturing process, each tile back is imprinted
"To recycle: 1877/502- SHAW."

2004 Award Winners

Furnishings:

The Invironmentalists™, owned by INVISTA has made a comprehensive commitment to sustainability across the spectrum of their product and service offerings. Their Total Life-Cycle Solutions flooring management system contributes to waste reduction and lowers the environmental impact of procuring and managing interior environments. This service has received Environmentally Preferable Product (EPP) Certification from a recognized third-party certifier of environmental claims. Their multi-faceted approach to sustainability starts with its promotion of products such as carpets that contain recycled backing materials. Their commitment is furthered by the use of a system to estimate and install carpet that reduces waste material and the use of low volatile organic compound adhesives. They also provide carpet maintenance or 'vitalization' to prolong the useful life of carpet, thereby preventing waste materials from ending up in our landfills. They also support their customers' efforts through their participation in Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE), the U.S. Green Buildings Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program and as a founding member of the Alliance for Sustainable Built Environments. Old carpet is guaranteed not to end up in a landfill, regardless of the carpet manufacturer, type of fiber, or how it is constructed. They offer chain of custody verification and reclamation tracking reports to remove landfill liability from Federal customers. The INVISTA reclamation program reclaims all types of used carpet and backing, keeping more than 100 million pounds of carpet out of U.S. landfills during the program's lifetime.

2003 Award Winners

Furniture:

HON INDUSTRIES, is the third largest manufacturer of office furniture in North America, with manufacturing and distribution networks throughout the United States. HON INDUSTRIES is the corporate parent of Allsteel, Inc., the Gunlocke Company, HOLGA, Maxon, Inc. and The HON Company. The companies' products include a complete line of office furniture available in wood and steel, including chairs, tables, files, panel systems and desks. HON INDUSTRIES' manufacturing process has been modified to minimize negative effects on air and water quality. Through innovative and sound business processes, HON INDUSTRIES has significantly reduced hydrocarbon emissions by optimizing and consolidating raw material and finished product deliveries. They have notably reduced the use of ozone-depleting adhesives at the same time as instituting process improvements which have contributed to shortening manufacturing time and eliminating ergonomic hazards associated with the use of manual spray guns. Using innovative ideas in their product development, HON INDUSTRIES produced post-consumer recycled content molded seating components from construction and demolition debris.