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### **AUDUBON MACHINERY RECEIVES 2007 EPA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AWARD**

(New York, NY – April 26, 2007) The 2007 Environmental Quality Award for Industry in New York was presented today to Christopher Collins, Chairman & CEO of Audubon Machinery Corporation, located in North Tonawanda. Audubon Machinery was recognized for its efforts in building the first Green Certified Factory in New York State. The 40,000 square foot factory was built in accordance with U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) standards as set forth in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) criteria. It was also noted that the factory was built on a remediated brownfield site previously known as the Wurlitzer Hazardous Waste Dump Site.

“We are very proud of our accomplishment in becoming the first Green Factory in New York State”, said Christopher Collins, Chairman and CEO of Audubon Machinery. “It was a two year process from the start of our design to receipt of the USGBC LEED Certification”.

In celebration of Earth Day, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today honored 16 individuals and organizations for their outstanding efforts to protect the environment in New York. Regional Administrator Alan J. Steinberg presented EPA’s Environmental Quality Awards at a ceremony in EPA’s offices in Manhattan. Mayor Cory Booker of Newark, NJ delivered the keynote address.

The modern factory built by Audubon Machinery uses 70 percent less electricity than a normal factory of the same size while still providing adequate light. The building was constructed with recycled steel, drywall and carpet. During construction more than 100 tons of material was diverted out of landfills for recycling.

In presenting the award to Collins, Regional EPA Administrator Alan J. Steinberg said, “the EPA applauds the tireless dedication of Environmental Quality Award winners, who are truly environmental champions. Their extraordinary contributions make our world a better place and remind us that individuals really can make a difference.”

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