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## **U.S. Chamber Announces 2008 Corporate Citizenship Awards Finalists**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Business Civic Leadership Center today announced its 2008 Corporate Citizenship Awards finalists. The awards recognize companies, chambers of commerce, and business associations for making positive contributions to their communities, advancing important economic and social goals, and demonstrating ethical leadership and sound stewardship.

“The finalists for the 2008 Corporate Citizenship Awards represent diverse industries, interests, and geographies, but they all have one thing in common—a profound devotion to civic duty,” said BCLC Executive Director Stephen Jordan. “They are committed to doing the best they can for the people and communities they serve. Their actions make them exemplary corporate citizens.”

This year’s categories and finalists are:

Corporate Stewardship, Large Business Award, honoring overall values, strategies, and practices in companies with annual revenue greater than \$5 billion—Bank of America, KPMG LLP, Pilot Travel Centers LLC, Siemens USA, and Verizon Communications

Corporate Stewardship, Small-/Mid-sized Business Award, honoring overall values, strategies, and practices in companies with annual revenue of \$5 billion or less—Computer Systems Center Incorporated, Harris Corporation, INTEGRITYOne Partners, NutraCea, and Quality Float Works, Inc.

U.S. Community Service Award, honoring a specific community service program within the United States—Air Conditioning Contractors of America, Allstate, Deloitte & Touche USA LLP, Southwest Airlines, and Xcel Energy

International Community Service Award, honoring a specific community service program outside of the United States—American Chamber of Commerce of Nicaragua, Coca-Cola China Ltd., FedEx, Pfizer Inc., and Procter & Gamble Pakistan

Partnership Award, honoring a company and charitable organization for successful work on an important social issue—Abbott Laboratories and Direct Relief International; American International Group, Inc. and CHF International; CVS Caremark and the Simon Youth Foundation; Eli Lilly and Company and the International Council of Nurses; and mtvU and the Jed Foundation

In four categories, the winners are selected by a panel of distinguished leaders in the field of corporate citizenship, including Harvard University business professor Michael Porter, past winners, and BCLC’s board of directors. The Partnership Award winner will be determined by online public voting, which begins today and ends on October 8. Each category winner will be announced at the ninth annual Awards Dinner on Nov. 18 at Washington, D.C.’s historic National Building Museum. Full details about the finalists are online.

BCLC is the U.S. Chamber’s resource and voice for businesses’ social and philanthropic interests. Its mission is to advance the positive role of business in society. The U.S. Chamber is the world’s largest business federation representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

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