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AWT Names Water Technologist & Supplier of the Year

Rockville, Md. (November 7, 2008) – The Association of Water Technologies (AWT) awarded the Ray Baum Memorial Water Technologist of the Year and the Supplier of the Year Awards at the 2008 Annual Convention and Exposition. The conference, *Toward a Greener World: Innovate. Communicate. Educate* was held in Austin, Texas November 5-8, 2008.

Jim Lukanich, CWT, ChemCal, Inc., received the prestigious Ray Baum Memorial Water Technologist of the Year Award. The award recognizes entrepreneurial spirit and outstanding contributions to the field of water treatment and service to AWT and its members. Through his activity with the Education Committee, Jim's tireless efforts led to the development of AWT's highly successful Technical Training Seminar. During his distinguished career, Lukanich authored numerous papers and articles on water treatment and has made multiple presentations at AWT seminars.

Bruce Houghton, on behalf of Houghton Chemical Corporation received the Supplier of the Year Award. Houghton Chemical received this award because of their outstanding customer service, quality product and for their contributions to the industry. They have been long-standing supporters of AWT and the water treatment industry. Houghton Chemical Corporation is a family-owned and operated distribution and manufacturing company headquartered in Boston with terminal sites located throughout the United States. For over 70 years they have built an enviable reputation for high quality and prompt courteous service in chemicals and chemical-related products marketed on a national and international basis. They provide not only great customer service and quality products, but are dedicated to the business needs and goals of the water technology professional.

"These awards are the highest honors bestowed upon AWT members. Winners like Jim Lukanich and Houghton Chemical Corporation represent the 'best of the best.' said Heidi Zimmerman, CAE, Executive Director of AWT. They model the highest standards in the industry and we are proud to have them as members of AWT."

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AWT is an international trade association representing over 500 companies that specialize in industrial and commercial water treatment for heating and cooling systems. These companies may also specialize in wastewater treatment, potable water treatment, and other industry segments. For additional information about AWT, please visit our web site at www.awt.org or call our headquarters at 301-740-1421.