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DESTINY USA SELECTED TO RECEIVE 2008 U.S. EPA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AWARD

Destiny USA Recognized for Outstanding Commitment to Sustainability

Syracuse, New York – Destiny USA officials announced today that it has received a 2008 Environmental Quality Award from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its outstanding commitment towards protecting and enhancing environmental quality in our region. Award recipients come from all sectors of our community, including non-profit, environmental and community groups, individual citizens, environmental education and business organizations and members of the news media.

The Environmental Quality Award is the highest recognition presented to the public by the EPA. Destiny USA will be honored at a ceremony of Friday, April 25th, at 2:00 PM, at the EPA's office, located at 290 Broadway, 30th Floor in New York City.

“Destiny’s green construction practices have attracted national attention; particularly our 100% biodiesel fuel initiative with onsite equipment and our continued efforts to recycle 95% of all construction debris and waste used on this project,” said Robert J. Congel Founder and Chairman of Destiny USA. “Destiny USA will be the showpiece for green construction and operations in Syracuse and the country; largely due to our willingness to embrace leading edge technology, and desire to drive innovation.”

On February 27, 2007, Destiny USA closed on \$540 million in financing, secured through Lehman Brothers with the sale of \$345 million in municipal bonds, along with a construction loan from Citigroup, to advance the first phase of the project, including the first ever issued, “Green Bonds.” On the same day, Destiny USA delivered \$65.4 million to the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County to advance other economic development initiatives in the region.

Collectively, under direction from Destiny USA, Cianbro Corporation, is interweaving technology while driving innovation, to construct the “greenest destination” in the USA. The 1.3 million square foot expansion project has a 10 acre footprint.

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