

McNICHOLS Company Receives Sustainable Business Award

"Green" Products and Business Practices Lead to Honor

TAMPA – February 22, 2010 - From its sustainable and recyclable product offerings to its environmentally-friendly business practices, McNichols Company strives to support the Green movement. The company's efforts were recently recognized by Earth Charter US with its annual Sustainable Business Award, presented on February 19 in Tampa, FL.

The annual designation recognizes Tampa Bay area businesses whose efforts have demonstrated sustainable business practices that embrace social, economic and environmental responsibility. Each recipient must have responsible business practices that focus on environmental health, community wellbeing, and local economic impact.

As an Energy Star Partner, McNichols understands corporate environmental responsibility. From energy efficient lighting and office recycling programs to the elimination of Styrofoam cups, the company is aware of how its business practices affect the community. It's most significant "green" contribution, however, is its ability to offer customers a wide selection of recyclable, sustainable products that allow the community at large to lessen its own carbon footprint. The company's plain steel stainless steel, copper and aluminum product lines contain a percentage of post-industrial and post-consumer recycled content. Many of McNichols' products can earn LEEDS point credits for green building codes.

McNichols Company has made a large charitable impact on the Greater Tampa Bay area, by supporting organizations like United Way, American Heart Association, Florida Aquarium, Lowry Park Zoo, The Spring, Joshua House, Florida Orchestra, and numerous religious and academic-based programs.

As a member of the Tampa and U.S Chamber of Commerce, McNichols works to partner with nearly 400 local vendors and 5,000 Florida customers to build a strong economic foundation within its community. Most notably is its recent involvement with the new Tampa Museum of Art as a supplier of the facility's now famous exterior metal façade.

McNichols Co., founded in 1952, is the North America's leading provider and fabricator of perforated and expanded metal, wire cloth and all types of grating and flooring to customers worldwide. Driven by a strong family legacy and catalog and Internet marketing, the company serves numerous industries from 22 locations throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada, including 17 service centers and 5 field offices. Headquartered in Tampa, FL, McNichols Company actively maintains the ISO 9001:2000 quality standard for each of its domestic service centers. For more information on McNichols Co., visit www.mcnichols.com.