

**ARBORMASTER® TRAINING INC., PARTNER OF HUSQVARNA, AWARDED
NATIONAL GRANT**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. [October 14, 2004] - ArborMaster Training Inc., a partner of Husqvarna in promoting skills and safety for arborists, has been awarded a two-year grant from the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC).

ArborMaster Training was selected by NUCFAC through a competitive process to receive the cost-shared grant based on a proposal for a project in the "research and technology development" category.

The grant money will be utilized for a program initiated and developed by ArborMaster Training titled, "Saving Tree Workers' Lives: The Neglected Component of Urban Forest Management." The objective of the program is to examine accidents in which aerial rescue is needed and what procedures are best suited to safely and efficiently rescue victims with minimal risk to the rescuers.

As a member of Husqvarna's "Team of Pros", ArborMaster Training provides professional instruction for chain saw users across the country. As a leading provider of chain saws, chain saw accessories, and safety equipment, Husqvarna's primary goal is safe operation, and the company is committed to providing the information and resources necessary to achieve it.

"The tree care industry needs a realistic protocol and methodology to teach and respond to emergency situations in a way that can truly save lives," said Ken Palmer, president and CEO of ArborMaster Training.

"This grant will help to take a disciplined approach to stake holders around the country," Palmer continued. "This is important to address geographical diversities and to gain buy-in and attention from the industry, nationally and ultimately, internationally."

For additional information about ArborMaster Training, visit the company Web site at www.arbormaster.com, or call 860-429-5028.

Husqvarna, a member of the Electrolux Group, offers forest, lawn and garden power equipment for all applications. The company markets a complete line of chain saws, clearing saws, cut-off saws, and lawn and garden products, including riding and walk-behind mowers, yard and garden tractors, tillers, edgers, brushcutters, grass trimmers, backpack and hand-held blowers, snow throwers, and commercial turf care equipment.

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