

BASF Professional Vegetation Management announces 2007 QVM™ Project Habitat™ Award winners

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC, February 19, 2008 – BASF Professional Vegetation Management is excited to congratulate the winners of the 2007 QVM Project Habitat Awards, announced at the second annual awards banquet on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, in Peachtree City, Georgia.

The QVM Project Habitat Awards is an annual awards program designed to honor projects that demonstrate the principles and practices of Quality Vegetation Management™ (QVM). Winning programs represented an outstanding commitment to one or more of the QVM Principals and Practices.

Winning organizations in each category include:

- Forestry – Non-Industrial Private Landowners Thompson Forest Consultants with Aerial Specialists Greenwood, South Carolina
- Forestry – Corporate/Industrial Land Mason, Bruce and Girard with Total Forestry Auburn, California
- Forestry – Government or Non-Profit Lands Camp Minden, State of Louisiana with Pineland Improvements Minden, Louisiana
- Aquatic – Private Land Managers Twin Valley Weed Management Area with SkyCopter & Chem-trol/VMS Red Could, Nebraska
- Aquatic – Government or Non-Profit Lands Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge with Helicopter Applicators, South Florida Water Management District and the Department of Environmental Protection Boynton Beach, Florida
- Utility – Investor Owned Duke Energy with Superior Forestry Service, Inc. Clemmons, North Carolina
- Utility – Municipal New York Power Authority with Lewis Tree Marcy, New York
- Utility – Cooperative Fort Loudoun and Cherokee National Forest with Southeast Woodland Services Vonore, Tennessee
- Invasive Vegetation Management on Private Lands Mississippi Coastal Plain RC&D with Progressive Solutions Wiggins, Mississippi
- Invasive Vegetation Management on Government or Non-Profit Lands US Fish and Wildlife with FDC Enterprises East Lansing, Michigan
- Roadside Johnson County with Chem-trol/VMS Iowa City, Iowa
- Specialty – Other (TIE) City of El Campo with El Campo Spraying El Campo, Texas And CenterPoint Energy with SprayCo Conroe, Texas
- Specialty – University/Educational Research Mary Kahrs Warnell with B&S Air, Inc. Eatonton, Georgia

Official finalists also recognized at the awards banquet include:

- American Electric Power with Asplundh/Arborchem – Charleston, West Virginia
- Anthony Timberland with CustomAir – Bearden, Arkansas
- Arkansas Valley Electric with Superior Forestry Service, Inc. – Ozark, Arkansas

- Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge with North Star Helicopters, Inc. – Amargosa, Nevada
- Ben Foster with Spray Max, Inc. – Shreveport, Louisiana
- Central Nebraska Public Power with North Star Helicopters, Inc. – Gothenburg, Nebraska
- Duette Preserve/Manatee County with Applied Aquatic Management – Duette, Florida
- Energy United with Osmose Utilities Services – Statesville, North Carolina
- First Energy Cuyahoga with Asplundh Tree Expert Company – Akron, Ohio
- First Energy with Nelson Tree Service – Akron, Ohio
- Georgia Pacific MAP with Robbins Forestry, Inc. – Palatka, Florida
- Florida Division of Forestry with Horizon Applicators – Carrabelle, Florida
- Neeley Family Timberland with T&M Aviation – Camden, Arkansas
- Palm Beach County with Aquatic Vegetation Control – West Palm Beach, Florida
- Mississippi Coastal Plain RC&D with Progressive Solutions – Wiggins, Mississippi
- Patterson Farm with Chemical Weed Control – Brownfield, Texas
- Varn Timber with Kennedy Timber – Waycross, Georgia

“Now that we’re entering our third year of the awards, it is encouraging to see interest in QVM and the awards program growing,” said Tim Knight, business manager for BASF ProVM. “The QVM Certified Applicators and end users that have participated in the program have been able to showcase the use of QVM principles and practices, and how those actions improved the results of their vegetation management programs.”

For more information on the 2008 QVM Project Habitat Awards or QVM, please visit www.vmanswers.com.

About the QVM Project Habitat Awards

For those of us who perform vegetation management – whether on a roadside, utility right-of-way, public or private land – it is our duty to help make this world a better place. Quality Vegetation Management helps us do just that. Quality Vegetation Management (QVM) is a set of principles that create and sustain healthy habitats through professional, ethical and responsible practices. There is a program designed to recognize and reward QVM efforts. Sponsored by BASF Professional Vegetation Management (ProVM), the QVM Project Habitat Awards are presented to exceptional vegetation management projects that exemplify the principles and practices of QVM.

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