



**Maumee, Ohio,
Hawaiian Pool Builders, Inc
Receives Chairman's Award in APSP
International Awards of Excellence Competition**

LAS VEGAS, NEV. – Hawaiian Pool Builders, Inc won the prestigious Chairman's Award in the commercial pools category during the 2006 Association of Pool & Spa Professionals' International Awards of Excellence ceremony on Nov. 30, 2006.

Introduced in 2005, the Chairman's Award is the most prestigious award in the pool and spa industry. This year, three builders were honored in the categories of commercial pools, residential pools, and water features/ponds. The International Chairman's Award honors work in the pool and spa industry by a domestic or foreign builder. More than 9000 pools from around the world were entered in the 2006 Awards of Excellence competition.

The Maumee, Ohio based company received the Chairman's Award for its installation at a resort area in Put-in-Bay, Ohio. There is a Caribbean theme with palm trees, accented by the 75-foot by 56-foot pool, which includes tanning ledges and a swim-up bar with 97 stools. The award-winning installation also received a gold medal for semi-public pools, 3,001 square feet and above.

In determining winners of the Chairman's Awards, judges considered applications of trends in construction and cutting-edge technology such as vanishing edges and new materials. They also looked at quality of workmanship and creativity.

The Awards of Excellence, presented annually, recognize and reward the most beautiful and creative installation of pools and hot tubs across the United States and around the world. Competition is open to APSP member builders, designers, service and retail firms.

The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals is the world's largest international trade association representing the swimming pool, spa, hot tub and recreational water industries with a mission to enhance the business success of members. The over 4,500 member companies of the APSP include manufacturers, distributors, manufacturers' agents, designers, builders, installers, retailers, and service professionals. APSP members adhere to a code of business ethics and share a commitment to public health and safety in the use of pools, spas and hot tubs.