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## **Ward Lumber announces Vendor of the Year Award Winner**

Jay, NY - Jay Ward, President of Ward Lumber, announced BlueLinx as the recipient of the 2006 Vendor of the Year Award.

BlueLinx was selected from over 30 primary building product suppliers considered for the award. BlueLinx met or exceeded criteria set for outstanding customer service in 2006, excelling in the areas of quality products, order processing and timely and accurate deliveries. Karl Smith, Senior Territory Manager for upstate New York and Central Vermont handling outside sales, has over 25 years of industry experience. Todd Plage, with over 16 years industry experience, is Area Manager based out of the corporate office in Atlanta, GA. Mike Shaver, with over 13 years industry experience, handles inside sales from the Vermont distribution center and works very closely with Ward Lumber's purchasing Department.

The Vendor of the Year Award was established as a way to recognize outstanding vendor service. Criteria to be met or exceeded includes product lead time, frequency of store visits, responsiveness to employee and customer inquiries, product training, ease of placing orders, deliveries, etc.

Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, BlueLinx Holdings Inc. (NYSE: BXC), operating through its wholly owned subsidiary BlueLinx Corporation, is a leading distributor of structural and specialty building products in North America. Employing more than 3,400 people in North America, BlueLinx offers 10,000 products from over 750 suppliers to service more than 11,700 customers nationwide, including dealers, industrial manufacturers, manufactured housing producers and home improvement retailers. The Company operates its distribution business from sales centers in Atlanta and Denver, and its network of more than 65 warehouses.

Ward Lumber is a two-unit building materials supplier with locations in Jay and Malone, NY. Ward Lumber also operates Ward Lumber Homes, a pre-fabricated home package and components supplier, based in Jay, NY. One of the largest private employers in Essex County, Ward Lumber manages over 6,000 acres of timberland and operates one of New York State's largest white pine sawmills and planing mills.

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