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

Jay, NY - Jay Ward, President of Ward Lumber, announced Huttig Building Products as the recipient of the 2007 Vendor of the Year Award.

Huttig Building Products was selected from over 30 primary building product suppliers considered for the award. Huttig met or exceeded criteria set for outstanding customer service in 2007, excelling in the areas of quality products, order processing and timely and accurate deliveries.

Dennis Haggerty, Outside Sales Representative for Huttig, exceeded expectations in the area of sales and service for Ward Lumber and helped to earn the award for Huttig. Dennis has been employed by Huttig for 12 years and has 30 years of industry experience. Michael Catalina, General Manager, was on hand with Dennis to accept the award on behalf of Huttig Building Products. Michael has been with Huttig for 10 years and has 23 years of industry experience.

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.

Huttig Building Products, Inc. is one of the largest domestic distributors of millwork, building materials and wood products used principally in new residential construction and in home improvement, remodeling and repair work. Huttig distributes its products through 36 distribution centers serving 44 states.

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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