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**HD SUPPLY RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF IDG'S INFOWORLD GREEN 15 FOR
INNOVATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES**

ATLANTA – April 23, 2009 – HD Supply, one of the largest diversified wholesale distributors in the infrastructure and energy, maintenance, repair and improvement and specialty construction markets, announced today that IDG's InfoWorld, the leading integrated media brand for IT Decision Makers, has selected the company's information technology initiatives for InfoWorld's 2009 Green 15 Awards. This honor is part of InfoWorld's Green 15 special feature, which was published April 22 on InfoWorld.com.

Companies around the world have embraced green technology to drive projects and develop products aimed at boosting energy efficiency, trimming waste and reducing or eliminating the use or the production of harmful substances. The InfoWorld Green 15 awards recognize the 15 most innovative IT initiatives that fall under this umbrella of sustainability.

"I am honored by this award and extremely proud of our team," said Michele Markham, senior vice president & chief information officer, HD Supply. "Achieving this award is confirmation that our team's focus and commitment toward reducing our carbon footprint is not only generating positive results in terms of environmental impact, but also generating actual cost out savings and opportunities for HD Supply."

Last year, HD Supply launched its ideallygreen_{sm} initiative, an enterprise-wide sustainability program that helps customers easily identify eco-preferable products and services as well as incorporated the company's overall environmental corporate responsibility. As part of this initiative, the IT team rolled out a host of green technology projects – from the datacenter to associates' desktops to conference rooms and beyond – that has helped reduce HD Supply's carbon footprint, cut waste and reduce costs.

"This year's Green 15 winners demonstrate, once again, that green IT projects can be a win-win proposition. These organizations have not only helped the planet by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, preserving trees and keeping e-waste out of landfills," said Ted Samson, Senior Analyst at InfoWorld. "They've also reaped measurable business benefits, such as significantly lower electricity bills, fewer hardware refreshes, and postponed datacenter-expansion projects -- along with gains in efficiency and productivity."

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