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Bentley Prince Street Receives Evergreen Award from U.S. General Services Administration

Award Recognizes Recycling, Affirmative Procurement & Waste Reduction Efforts

LOS ANGELES, CA – [March 10, 2009] – The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has chosen California carpet manufacturer Bentley Prince Street, Inc. as a recipient of its 2008 Evergreen Award. Presented at the GSA Quality Partnership Council meeting on March 3rd, the award recognizes efforts in recycling, affirmative procurement and waste reduction in the Furniture, Furnishings and Technology/Electronics categories.

“We’re honored to receive this prestigious national award. It is truly an affirmation of the commitment of every Bentley Prince Street associate to move our industry and our country towards a zero-waste future,” said Anthony Minite, president of Bentley Prince Street. “We’ll continue to work with our customers and business partners to find new ways to conserve resources and promote sustainable business practices.”

GSA’s Evergreen Award program was developed in 1998 to support the Federal Government’s environmental initiatives and assist GSA’s customers in identifying environmentally preferable products. A panel of employees from the GSA Integrated Workplace Acquisition Center (IWAC) selected Bentley Prince Street as an environmentally-conscientious business partner among all the applicants because of its efforts in recycling, affirmative procurement and waste reduction, setting an example for all IWAC vendors to follow.

“The companies we honor today have done an outstanding job in making environmentally friendly options available to GSA client agencies. I thank them all for their commitment and expertise, and for demonstrating that green products are a viable option for customers and businesses alike,” said GSA Deputy Administrator Barney Brasseux.

Bentley Prince Street was chosen based on a set of criteria that evaluated:

- **Waste Prevention**, recognizing reductions in the generation of waste and/or the amount of toxicity in waste materials before recycling, treatment, or disposal.
- **Recycling**, recognizing outstanding activities, including outreach, collection, separation, and processing by which products or other materials are recovered from the waste stream for use in new products.
- **Affirmative Procurement**, recognizing the most effective and innovative programs implemented for the purchase/use of recovered materials.
- **Environmental Preferability**, recognizing the best examples of acquiring, using or validating products/services that have a reduced impact on human health and the environment.
- **Model Facility**, recognizing outstanding contribution to waste prevention, recycling and affirmative procurement through leadership, investment in resources and change in culture.

About Bentley Prince Street

Defining style, color, quality and service for more than 25 years, Bentley Prince Street, Inc. manufactures and markets award-winning broadloom and carpet tile products for commercial interiors across the globe. Bentley Prince Street is committed to sustainable commerce and innovations to integrate style and function with environmental practices through its Mission Zero™ goal of eliminating any negative impact it has on the environment by the year 2020. With the industry’s most comprehensive vertical carpet manufacturing facility, the company maintains third-party certification to the ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management System and the ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management System. Based in Los Angeles County, California, Bentley Prince Street is a subsidiary of Interface, Inc., a global provider of floorcoverings. For more information, please visit www.bentleyprincestreet.com

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