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### **Landscape Structures Announced as Finalist for Tekne Award**

Ninth annual Minnesota Tekne Awards recognize state's top technology companies  
Delano, Minn. (Sept. 23, 2008) — The Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA), Enterprise  
Minnesota and Life Science Alley recently announced finalists for the ninth annual Tekne Awards.  
Landscape Structures is a finalist for the Green Award, which honors businesses that practice  
environmental awareness/responsibility and incorporate sustainability principles into their overall  
business model.

The finalists for the 2008 Tekne Awards ranges from well-known technology companies to  
those on the verge of success, due in part to technological innovation. Awards are separated into  
categories that recognize the best and brightest in innovation, development, commercialization and  
management of technology in Minnesota. The 2008 Tekne Awards will be presented on Thursday,  
Oct. 30, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

“The Tekne awards have served as a sign of Minnesota's technological prominence for nearly  
a decade, and the accomplishments of this year's group of finalists continue that tradition,” said Kate  
Rubin, president of MHTA. “Both the quantity and quality of entries continue to grow and technology  
innovation, as represented by these finalists, is strong.”

Along with Landscape Structures, finalists for the Green Award in the category of small and  
growing company are Asset Recovery Corp. and Cortec Corporation, both located in St. Paul.  
Established company finalists include Great River Energy in Maple Grove, IBM Rochester in  
Rochester and Vision-Ease Lens in Ramsey.

The Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA) accelerates the growth, sustainability and global competitiveness of Minnesota’s technology-based economy through public-policy advocacy, member collaboration and education, and community outreach. MHTA is the only membership organization that represents Minnesota’s entire technology-based economy. MHTA members include organizations of every size—involvement in virtually every aspect of technology creation, production, application and education in Minnesota. MHTA works in partnership with AeA, which represents Minnesota’s technology organizations nationally. Find out more online at [www.mhta.org](http://www.mhta.org).

The evolution of play began in 1971, when Landscape Structures Inc. opened its doors and introduced the revolutionary concept of continuous play. Since then, the employee-owned company, through their culture of continuous improvement, has demonstrated a commitment to healthy children, sustainable communities and a healthy environment. Learn more about Landscape Structures’ unique playground and skatepark products and their environmental programs at [playlsi.com](http://playlsi.com).