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***Landscape Structures Inc. Named Manufacturer of the Year by the  
Manufacturers Alliance***

**Minneapolis, April 8, 2004** – Landscape Structures Inc., Delano, MN, was named Manufacturer of the Year by the Manufacturers Alliance of Maple Grove, MN. The award was presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet to Landscape Structures’ for its development of state-of-the-art manufacturing systems and for the training of its employees. Landscape Structures, the nation’s leading manufacturer of playground equipment and community skateparks, employs more than 300 people in the state of Minnesota.

In recognizing Landscape Structures the Manufacturers Alliance noted the company’s successful design and implementation of a lean manufacturing process to achieve stunning gains in efficiency and productivity: reducing manufacturing lead time from 27 days to 3 days, and increasing on-time shipping from 85% to 99.7%. Pat Faust, vice president of manufacturing operations, accepted the award on behalf of all Landscape Structures employees.

“We’ve been active members of the Manufacturing Alliance for several years, and as such have immersed ourselves in the best practices of Minnesota manufacturing concerns,” said Faust. “It is an honor to accept this award from our peers in the Alliance on behalf of all the employees at Landscape Structures.”

Founded in 1971 by Barb and Steve King, Landscape Structures is the leading manufacturer of innovative playground equipment for schools, municipal parks and child care centers. Landscape Structures manufactures PlayBooster®, PlayOdyssey® and PlayShaper® play systems, CoolToppers™ shade structures, and Skatewave™ community skatepark systems.

For more information about Landscape Structures’ playground equipment, call Landscape Structures at 1-888-4FUNLSI or visit the Landscape Structures Web site at [www.playlsi.com](http://www.playlsi.com).

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