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City of Dallas recognizes Sustainability Week; *Local businesses will be honored for their efforts to preserve the environment and “Go Green”*

The City of Dallas will recognize its first Sustainability Week by honoring local businesses that have implemented programs to reduced waste, limit natural resource consumption and promote sustainability technologies. The recognition will take place Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 9 a.m. during the City Council briefing.

The Dallas Regional Chamber of Commerce, Herb’s Paint & Body Shops, Swiss Cleaners and Texas Instruments will receive proclamations from Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, a prelude to Sustainability Week, Aug. 25-29. Sustainability is defined as meeting today’s environmental needs without compromising the ability to meet needs in the future.

“We are delighted that local companies are taking the lead and doing their part to help the environment,” said Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert. “The work they do today advances our goals of creating a sustainable Dallas for tomorrow.

The Dallas Regional Chamber’s Technology Business Council’s Sustainable Technologies Initiative will be recognized for bringing together innovators, public and private sector executives and industry leaders to promote and foster the growth of sustainable technologies.

Herb’s Paint & Body Shops, founded in 1956, is being recognized for being the first multi-store collision repair center in the Dallas area to market and equip their facilities with water-based automotive paint.

Swiss Cleaners will be honored for using 100% biodegradable bags and eco-friendly hangers made from recyclable, non-toxic pure liquid silicone.

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Texas Instruments, the Dallas-based global leader in semiconductor technologies, will be recognized for implementing its worldwide Environmental, Safety and Health Management System, a comprehensive set of standards designed to reduce energy consumption and increase conservation in all areas of the company's operations. Texas Instruments is an industry leader in green building and design operations.

The City of Dallas joins other Dallas-based companies cited for their environmental stewardship. The City's Environmental Management System was recently honored by the Environmental Protection Agency for achieving international certification. Dallas is the only city in the nation to receive 14001 certification from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

In April of this year, the City was among the first major U.S. cities to set new "green building" standards by passing a comprehensive green construction ordinance aimed at reducing energy and water consumption in all residential and commercial structures.

ABOUT GREEN DALLAS

The City of Dallas' Green Dallas initiative is aimed at environmental responsibility and encourages both public and private sector involvement. To find out more about how the City of Dallas is an environmental leader and what residents can do to 'build a greener Dallas,' visit the City's green Web site www.GreenDallas.net

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