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Austin Outdoor Honored with Industry Awards for Work on duPont Building

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Austin Outdoor is proud to announce that its landscape installation work at the Alfred I. duPont Testamentary Trust Building was honored with two awards – a state award, the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA) Award of Excellence, and a national award, Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) Environmental Improvement Grand Award. Both awards recognize excellence performed in the landscape through quality work and materials.

William Dellecker, executive vice president of Austin Outdoor, said, “We are proud to receive these awards for our work on such a unique and inspiring building. Working on the project was an honor in itself.”

The duPont Building’s landscape is focused on sustainability. It features a rooftop garden and open-air atrium that both incorporate drought-tolerant plants and drip irrigation supplied by three 10,000-gallon cistern tanks that collect rainfall. The rooftop garden landscape required more than 2,000 plants, rock, mulch and soil to be hoisted up by a telehandler machine one bucket at a time. The atrium featured two 22-foot, 1,200-pound Christmas Palms, which were brought in through the second-floor door and placed by hand.

Besides its work at the duPont Building, Austin Outdoor also received awards for its landscape maintenance work at Ocean Hammock, and its landscape installation work for a luxury residence, both located in Palm Coast, Fla. This year, Austin Outdoor won a total of five industry awards for its landscape work.

Austin Outdoor accepted the FNGLA awards during a banquet held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando on Oct. 2, 2009. The PLANET awards were presented during a banquet at the Green Industry Conference on Oct. 30, 2009, in Louisville, Ky.

About FNGLA and PLANET

FNGLA, Florida’s leading green industry trade organization, established its awards program in 1969. The program recognizes landscape excellence in Florida through Awards of Excellence in categories such as residential, institutional/government, commercial, theme park and interior.

PLANET, an international association representing 4,000 green industry professional firms, established its awards program 40 years ago. The program reflects PLANET’s commitment to creating and preserving the beauty of the landscape and rewards independent landscape professionals who execute superior projects. The program strives to increase public awareness of environmental improvement.

About Austin Outdoor

Austin Outdoor, established in 1994, is a horticultural organization dedicated to creating, building and maintaining sustainable landscapes. The organization provides landscape design, landscape construction and landscape management for premier properties and is dedicated to offering a wide range of services that enhance clients’ investments and improve the quality of life. Austin Outdoor provides such services from its Florida offices in Bunnell/Flagler County (headquarters), Jacksonville, Orlando, Port St. Lucie and West Palm Beach as well as its out-of-state office in Grand Bahama Island, The Bahamas. For more information about Austin Outdoor, please call (386) 437-6211 or visit the Web site at www.austinoutdoor.net.

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Austin Outdoor Project Manager Cheyne Solesbee and District Manager Blaine Peterson accept the Award of Excellence for their landscape installation work at the Alfred I. duPont Testamentary Trust Building at the FNGLA Awards Banquet held on Oct. 2, 2009, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Fla.



Austin Outdoor Project Manager Cheyne Solesbee and his crew install one of the two 22-foot, 1,200-pound Christmas Palms found in the atrium of the Alfred I. duPont Testamentary Trust Building.



The atrium at the Alfred I. duPont Testamentary Trust Building is complete with a tropical plant palette, which includes Bromeliads and Christmas Palms.



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