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## LOCAL CEO RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE GREEN INDUSTRY

Denver CO- On January 14<sup>th</sup>, Tom Tolkacz, CEO of Swingle Lawn, Tree & Landscape Care received the Bob Cannon Award at the 2009 Excellence in Landscape Awards dinner for the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado (ALCC) at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

The Cannon award is ALCC's version of the "Lifetime Achievement Award." Established in 1978, it honors individuals who have given loyal, dedicated service to the landscape industry during their years of service, contributed ideas, programs and other endeavors to benefit other ALCC members and is recognized as someone who has improved the professional image of the landscape industry. The Cannon Award is awarded for long-time service, commitment and contribution to the landscape industry and ALCC.

Todd Williams, with American Civil Constructors, presented Tolkacz with the award in front of 200 attendees. Williams described Tolkacz as a true leader and visionary in the Green Industry who goes the distance in everything he does. One who does not always take the easy track and is not afraid to ask the tough questions to all associated with the industry.

"Tolkacz gave a powerful acceptance speech where he thanked all of the folks at Swingle, in addition to his family, friends and colleagues for their support and encouragement over the years. He also noted that individuals do not achieve great things without great people who have a similar passion for success," said John Gibson, President of Swingle.

Jeff Oxley, Swingle's Vice President of Operation said after the awards ceremony, "Everyone talked about how much passion Tolkacz has for our industry. He has given his time, energy and expertise in addition to monetary support while allowing his staff to volunteer their time, keeping the Green Industry apprised of all issues. Tolkacz has an arm's length of achievements not only at Swingle, but in the local and national arena of the green industry.

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