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PROFESSIONAL LANDCARE NETWORK MEMBER, JOHN GIBSON, PARTICIPATED IN DONATION TO ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AND LEGISLATIVE DAY ON CAPITOL HILL

Denver, Colorado, July 28th — John Gibson, Director of Operations with Swingle Lawn, Tree & Landscape Care and a member of the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) participated in “Renewal & Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery” on Monday, July 18, 2005 and PLANET’s Legislative Day on Tuesday, July 19, 2005.

Hundreds of landscape, lawn care and tree care companies from across the nation brought their crews to Arlington National Cemetery and spent the day mulching, pruning, liming, planting, and aerating throughout the entire cemetery. The gift is valued at more than \$150,000 in services and work.

“This was an opportunity for us to demonstrate our professional skills and care for an important American monument,” stated Phil Fogarty, PLANET member and organizer of the event. There are many PLANET members who have special connections to Arlington National Cemetery either through relatives and friends who are buried there or through their own military service.

The day began with a ceremony featuring a joint color guard and speaker presentations to dedicate the day of work to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

“This is the most significant project that PLANET will do this year,” noted Fogarty. “The natural beauty and quiet grace of this cemetery make it a place that we feel compelled to protect and care take. This is an extremely worthwhile and meaningful project that demonstrates our honor and remembrance of America’s veterans and leaders.”

In addition to the work at Arlington National Cemetery, PLANET members also worked at historic Congressional Cemetery and gave it much-needed attention.

On Tuesday, July 19, 2005, PLANET members visited their congressional leaders on Capitol Hill and spoke with them about issues facing the green industry. These issues include association sponsored health plans, pest management, fire suppression, turfgrass research and development and H-2B guest worker reform.

PLANET represents approximately 4,000 green industry service provider companies and suppliers nationwide that specialize in design/build/installation, interiorscaping, lawn care, and maintenance. These firms and their employees represent more than 100,000 green industry professionals. For more information, call PLANET at (800) 395-2522 or visit the Web site at www.landcarenetwork.org.

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