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**CALIFORNIA CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTOR TO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS
CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AWARD**

ARLINGTON, VA—February 27, 2008 —A leading chemical distributor executive has won a prestigious national award for his leadership, community service, and educational outreach on behalf of the chemical industry.

The Chemical Educational Foundation (CEF) will present Patrick J. Marantette, President of E.T. Horn Company, located in La Mirada, CA, with the Vanguard Award in a ceremony on April 7 in Washington, DC.

For over a decade CEF has presented the Vanguard Award to an individual whose leadership, commitment, and outreach efforts have helped advance the Foundation's mission of fostering a greater understanding of chemistry, the benefits of chemicals, and the importance of chemical safety awareness.

Marantette has long been involved with CEF activities. Most notably, he was a member of the Board of Trustees, serving as President for two years. During that time, he also served as a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee, where he worked to establish a sustainable model of growth for CEF. He also served as the Funding Committee Chairman where he established a fee structure for corporate contributions to the Foundation. Marantette has continuously promoted the importance of the CEF mission among industry members, securing the participation of key executives on the CEF Board of Trustees, as well as growing resources on behalf of the Foundation.

In addition to his work with the CEF Board of Trustees, Marantette has also distributed CEF's YBTC kits, an educational tool featuring 30 chemistry lesson plans and corresponding activities, to educators in the La Mirada area. The E.T. Horn Company has also printed their logo on CEF's *Chemicals In Your Home Solutions* Bulletin for distribution to their customers and community members.

"Mr. Marantette's leadership, enthusiasm, and genuine interest in chemistry education have proven to be the foundation for the growth and success that CEF has seen in recent years," stated John

Rice, Executive Director of CEF. “It is only fitting that we honor his outstanding efforts and dedication by presenting Mr. Marantette with the Vanguard Award.”

The Vanguard Award presentation will take place at The Hotel Palomar in Arlington, VA. The event will consist of a 6:00 p.m. reception and 7:00 p.m. dinner and Award ceremony. In addition to honoring the valuable work of Marantette, the event will also provide an excellent opportunity for members of the chemical industry to interact with one another. The event also coincides with the start of the National Association of Chemical Distributors’ (NACD) annual Washington Fly-In. For event details or to attend the ceremony, please visit the CEF Web site at www.chemed.org.

Past winners of the Award include Richard A. Peacock, President of PVS Nolwood Chemicals, Inc.; Dr. Stephanie Burns, Chairman, President, and CEO of Dow Corning Corporation; Michael Campbell, President, CEO, and Chairman of Arch Chemicals; Laura Dornbusch, President of Expo Chemical Co., Inc.; J. Roger Hirl, President & CEO of Occidental Chemical Corporation; and Audley C. Harlow, retired executive of the Canadian Association of Chemical Distributors. For a complete listing of Vanguard Award recipients, visit www.chemed.org.

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Founded in 1992 and headquartered in Arlington, VA, the Chemical Educational Foundation is dedicated to fostering a greater understanding of the science of chemistry, the benefits of chemicals, and the importance of chemical safety awareness.