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**AWB Honors University Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
With 2005 Community Service Award**

SPOKANE—The Association of Washington Business honored Mukilteo’s University Mechanical Contractors, Inc. (UMC) with its annual Community Service Award for its generous contributions to the community. AWB presented the award to 19 companies during its Spring Board Meeting in Spokane on May 24.

UMC strongly believes in the support of our communities in ways that contribute to improving the quality of life in all sectors. This is so important to UMC that it chose to form its own non-profit organization, the University Mechanical Contractors Charitable Foundation. The Bacon Bowl Charity Football Game, Boy Scouts of America, Junior Achievement, March of Dimes, Maltby Pony Baseball, Northwest Seattle Little League, Special Olympics Washington, Lake Stevens Little League, Sting Fastpitch and the Everett Elite Fastpitch are only some of the youth-oriented organizations supported by the foundation.

The winners of 2005’s Community Service Awards all made significant contributions in community beautification, education, helping people in need, developing projects to mobilize people into action, volunteerism, and working with youth.

“These companies realize the importance of being good neighbors in their communities,” AWB President Don Brunell said. “All of them have invested substantial time, money and other resources to improve their corner of the state.”

AWB is Washington's oldest and largest statewide business association. Formed in 1904, its 4,700 members employ more than 600,000 workers. AWB also is the state's chamber of commerce and umbrella organization for more than 125 trade and professional organizations. While AWB's membership includes the state's major employers like Boeing, Microsoft and Weyerhaeuser, more than 85 percent of AWB members employ fewer than 100, and one-third of our members hire fewer than 10.