

10/29/03 - U.S. POSTAL SERVICE HONORS 10 OUTSTANDING COMPANIES WITH '2003 QUALITY SUPPLIER AWARDS'

WASHINGTON, DC - Postmaster General John E. Potter today recognized 10 companies that the United States Postal Service considers "the best of the best" in supplying its employees with the equipment, tools and services they need to deliver superior products and services to the American public.

"By setting high standards of excellence within your own companies, you have helped us raise the bar of excellence within the Postal Service to respond to the needs of our customers and to better serve the American people," Potter told key executives of the award-winning companies during an afternoon ceremony at Postal Service headquarters. "You have helped us increase our efficiency, add value to our services, and improve customer satisfaction."

Keith Strange, Vice President of Supply Management for the U.S. Postal Service, noted that thanks to the work of all Quality Supplier Award winners - and the Postal Service Supply Management team - the Postal Service saved or avoided some \$469 million in costs this past year.

"Together, we have changed and reconfigured the way we manage supply management," said Strange. "You have helped us reduce our costs, and every year we are becoming an even better team. We're becoming more creative and more innovative and, together, we're finding newer and smarter ways to improve the services and products you provide."

According to Strange, purchasing supplies and materials is no small task. In fiscal year 2003, the Postal Service spent more than \$9.6 billion for transportation, facilities, supplies, and services with a supplier base that included more than 25,000 suppliers. Each supplier recognized is one of only 10 companies receiving a Quality Supplier Award this year.

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Cleanwise, Inc. is proud to announce that we are one of the 2003 Quality Supplier Award Winners in the SMALL BUSINESS category.

Cleanwise Inc. of Marlborough, MA  
(Cleaning Supplies for Postal Facilities Nationwide)

"Winning the U.S. Postal Service Quality Supplier Award is a major accomplishment for Cleanwise Inc. It recognizes a job well done by all of our employees and partners. This award depicts our consistent pride in quality, customer service and satisfaction, and shows our true dedication to the U.S. Postal Service contract. We have accomplished this by our continual commitment to excellence in building our relationships with the Maintenance team members and the U.S. Postal Service Committee. We are extremely proud to win this award and will continue to work toward providing the U.S. Postal Service with increased quality service and customer satisfaction."

--Keith Alsheimer, President