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CH2M HILL Canada Limited 2008 recipient of the MicroSkills Corporate Spirit Award

Toronto, May 1, 2008 - Community MicroSkills Development Centre announced CH2M HILL Canada Limited as the recipient of the **2008 Corporate Spirit Award**. This award was created to honour companies for their support of innovative community programs for immigrants, visible minorities, and low-income women. It will be presented at MicroSkills' Annual Gala Celebration on Thursday, May 22nd, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at the Pearson Convention Centre, 2638 Steeles Ave. E. (Airport Rd. & Steeles), Brampton.

"More and more, companies are recognizing the benefits of corporate social responsibility (CSR). CSR not only helps businesses build relationships with their communities, it also contributes to improvements in their bottom line. All of us at MicroSkills appreciate the long-term support of CH2M Hill for our programs that help immigrants, visible minorities and low-income women become contributing members of our communities," said Kay Blair, Executive Director of MicroSkills. "Our Corporate Spirit Award recognizes and celebrates companies like this that are committed to making a difference in the communities where their customers reside."

MicroSkills is proud to honour **CH2M HILL Canada Limited** as the 2008 recipient of its Corporate Spirit Award for its commitment to building a better world. **CH2M HILL** is a global leader in engineering, construction, and operations for public and private clients delivering innovative, practical, sustainable solutions – helping clients to develop and manage infrastructure and facilities that improve efficiency, safety, and quality of life. Its dedication to community improvement is displayed in the hands and hearts of its employees, who volunteer time, donate funds, and contribute in-kind gifts to support worthy causes in the communities where they live and work. On the corporate level, as a conscientious corporate citizen, **CH2M HILL** actively supports a variety of local, provincial, and national charitable initiatives.

Community service agencies like MicroSkills rely heavily on the corporate community for support to help them fulfill their mandate and deliver programs and services to the community. Local businesses are an especially important link, contributing their time, expertise, and resources.

In selecting the award recipient, judges look for companies with programs that foster diversity in the workplace and maximize the potential of all employees. These programs must have a measurable impact on the people for whom they are designed. They must offer potential for significant social and economic community benefits. They must strengthen the workforce and enhance the community where employees work and live.

Community MicroSkills Development Centre is a multicultural, non-profit, community based organization, providing settlement, training, employment and self employment services in North Etobicoke. For over twenty years, MicroSkills has empowered women, youth and newcomers to build better lives and careers. With an innovative and holistic approach unique in its sector, MicroSkills trains, guides and mentors over 20,000 adults and youth annually – one life at a time.

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