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MWS Wire Industries in Westlake Village Honored with State WRAP Award For Cutting Waste

SACRAMENTO - For outstanding efforts to reduce waste and protect the environment, MWS Wire Industries in Westlake Village has been named a winner in the 2004 Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP) sponsored by the California Integrated Waste Management Board - the state's leading authority on recycling and waste reduction.

"It is a pleasure to honor each winner of this year's WRAP Awards because their voluntary efforts help local cities and counties by recycling and reducing the amount of materials going to landfills," said Board Chair Rosario Marin. "WRAP Awards recognize the good work businesses do to bring us closer to a zero waste California."

Now in its 12th year, the WRAP awards honor businesses for cutting the amount of trash they produce, conserving resources, and reducing waste disposal in landfills. In addition, these communities will be celebrating their businesses' achievements within their jurisdictions statewide. All together, this year's WRAP honorees have diverted 1.8 million tons of materials from local landfills through excellent resource management and recycling, and their voluntary waste reduction efforts have saved them \$135 million in operating costs. Applicants are honored based on a set of criteria developed in cooperation with the business community. Practices evaluated include waste prevention, materials reuse, recycling, recycled-product procurement and employee education.

MWS Wire Industries is an independently owned and operated distributor and custom producer of bare and insulated specialty wires. Established in 1968, MWS supplies a wide variety of round, square and rectangular wire to customers in Aerospace, Communications, Electronics, Data Processing, Magnetics, Medical Electronics, and Research and Development. Last year the company recycled more than double the volume disposed as trash, diverting over 37,000 pounds of waste from landfill while realizing over \$15,000 in savings from its recycling and reuse activities.