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Chesapeake Names Damuth Services 2005 Business of the Year

CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA....The City of Chesapeake Economic Development Department is proud to announce that Damuth Services, Incorporated has been named Chesapeake's 2005 Business of the Year.

The award, presented as part of the City's annual Business Appreciation Week program, recognizes that Chesapeake business which has best exemplified a strong commitment to the community as a whole as part of its normal business operations. "A city functions best when its business community actively seeks out opportunities to get involved with volunteer activities," said Chesapeake Mayor Dalton S. Edge. "Not only does the leadership of Damuth Services serve with numerous civic and charitable organizations, they have created an environment throughout the company that increases participation by their employees in similar activities. Chesapeake is a stronger city because of this commitment."

"We are honored to be selected as the 2005 Chesapeake Business of the Year," said Clint Damuth, President and General Manager. "Since moving our operations to Chesapeake in 1998, we have enjoyed working with the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Team on various committees like government affairs and transportation. We're proud to be part of the dynamic Chesapeake team."

Damuth Services, Inc. is a multi-faceted company that provides all comfort system components, including commercial & industrial air conditioning equipment, service, building automation controls, parts and supplies. Located in Cavalier Industrial Park, Damuth employs over one hundred residents of Hampton Roads, and is the regional commercial franchise for Trane, the world's largest manufacturer of commercial and industrial air conditioning systems.

Recent winners of the Chesapeake Business of the Year award include Web Teks, Chubb & Son, Mid-Eastern Builders, Maximum Controls, and Panasonic.

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