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The international CollinsWood® Millennium Awards are now open for entries according to Lee Jimerson, CollinsWood Product Manager/The Collins Companies.

This year's special Millennium Awards focus on the use of FSC-certified CollinsWood® and are open to craftsmen and manufacturers who build and design for the following markets:

• store fixtures,
• small/home office (SoHo),
• entertainment/gaming, and
• kitchen & bath cabinets.

Each entry must primarily feature wood and contain a minimum of 70% CollinsWood (softwood, hardwood, particleboard, plywood, or veneer). A panel of judges representing the wood products media and industry, designers, and the environment will critique the entries based on a number of factors including: aesthetics, design, functionality & durability, percent of CollinsWood in the product, use of environmentally-friendly finishes and adhesives, and ability to manufacture in quantity.

Award winners will receive $2,000, a commitment from Collins to assist in marketing, and facilitation of FSC certification.

Deadline for entries is August 31, 2000.

For a complete entry form contact The Collins Companies at 1-800.329.1219 or visit their web site at www.CollinsWood.com.

The Collins Companies, family owned since 1855, was the first privately-owned forest products company in the United States to be comprehensively evaluated and independently certified in accordance with the strict rules of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). The FSCWood® logo on a product provides consumers with an assurance that the wood they use comes from forest managed in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. Collins' efforts in the industry has won them numerous national and international awards, including the Presidential Award for Sustainable Development and the Green Cross Millennium Award for environmental leadership, presented by Mikhail S. Gorbechev, President of Green