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**QUALITY FLOAT WORKS NAMED “SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR”  
BY US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

*Manufacturing Company Recognized as One of Only Seven Regional Finalists*

SCHAUMBURG, IL –The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has recognized Quality Float Works, Inc. with a 2008 “Small Business Blue Ribbon Award” as one of only seven Great Lakes Regional Finalist. This is the second year in a row Quality Float Works, Inc. has been honored by the Chamber. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the nation’s largest business federation representing more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors and regions. This award represents the continued strides the company has made in innovation and unparalleled service in the manufacturing industry.

“It’s an honor to be recognized for our achievements in providing our quality products worldwide to our customers,” said Jason Speer, Vice President and General Manager, Quality Float Works, Inc. “Our family owned business is honored to receive this acknowledgment from our peers recognizing our continued leadership within the industry.”

“Winners of the Blue Ribbon Small Business Award represent the country's finest small business success stories,” said **Tom Donohue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce President and CEO.** “Small businesses are the backbone of America's economy, representing more than 99% of all employers, creating three-fourths of all new jobs, and accounting for more than one-half of the nation's gross domestic product.”

Recipients of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce “Small Business Blue Ribbon Award” are chosen based on financial performance and business history, staff training and motivation, community involvement, community service and business plan or strategy for growth. Quality Float Works, Inc. has grown into a global competitor that exports to Canada, and countless Asian and European countries. This is based, in part, to the innovative development of the Quality Float Division, which supplies entire assemblies to customers, including water purifications systems to under developed countries.

The Small Business Blue Ribbon Award continues a number of awards Quality Float Works, Inc. has received over the last year. The company was named “one of the fastest growing companies in 2007” and received awards for their growth and community spirit by top business publications. The U.S. Chamber Small Business of the Year will be announced at the April 17<sup>th</sup> dinner ceremony held in conjunction with America’s Small Business Summit 2008.

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