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**The Taylor Companies Wins Pillar Award for Sustainable Practices**  
Award Caps Year of "Green" Recognition for Ohio's Oldest Company

BEDFORD, Ohio, Dec. 7, 2011 - The Taylor Companies has been awarded the 2011 Medical Mutual Pillar Award for Sustainable Practices. This award closely follows two national recognitions earned this year by Taylor for its valuable contributions to both the economy and the environment.

The Medical Mutual Pillar Award for Community Service, presented by Medical Mutual of Ohio and Smart Business, honors businesses of all types and sizes that make outstanding contributions to their community. Its purpose is to encourage a charitable environment, recognize creative efforts that make a difference and demonstrate the ties between the for-profit and nonprofit worlds.

"Integrating sustainable practices into the company business model is now a key initiative across all industries," said Taylor CEO Jeff Baldassari. "As a result, there is a triple bottom line value that extends beyond primary products and services to stakeholders, which includes community members.

"We are grateful for this recognition from Medical Mutual and Smart Business Magazine. Looking forward, we are further motivated to play a role in making Cleveland a green city on a blue lake."

Earlier this year, Taylor was named the Green Plus Sustainable Enterprise of the Year, the top honor at the North American Sustainable Enterprise Awards from Institute for Sustainable Development. Most recently, Taylor was honored with a 2011 SJF Green Jobs Award, a program that celebrates privately-held U.S. businesses for their contribution to environmental quality, the quality of their jobs and benefits, the diversity of employment opportunities and their level of community engagement.

#### **ABOUT THE TAYLOR COMPANIES**

Established in 1816 and privately-held for seven generations, Taylor is the oldest furniture manufacturer in the United States. With roots stretching back 195 years, Taylor is the oldest business enterprise in Ohio. Its two manufacturing plants are located in Bedford, Ohio, and Lynwood, California, with roots in Southern California dating back to 1923. The manufacturer builds all furniture (upholstered wood seating and wood casegoods) from scratch using domestically sourced raw materials. Each factory has approximately 200 raw material suppliers or supporting vendors based in its respective state. Taylor creates sustainable value for its customers, employees and community through land revitalization, conservation of natural resources, waste diversion and GHG emission management.

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