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## **PGMS Salutes the University of Texas at Austin for Grounds Management Excellence**

(BALTIMORE) – The Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS) recognized the University of Texas at Austin with a Grand Award in the Society's 2007 Green Star Awards competition. The award was given in the Urban University Grounds category for exceptional grounds maintenance. Winners were honored during the Society's 2007 School of Grounds Management held in conjunction with the GIE+EXPO in Louisville, Ky., (Oct. 24-27).

The landscape crew at the University of Texas at Austin have their hands full with this campus, that with a daily population of 70,000, is larger than many cities. UT-Austin is composed of 31 acres in shrubs, perennials and ground cover beds, 19,000 square feet in annual cover beds and 125 acres of turf including 49 miles of edging.

“This is a great honor to receive,” said Manager of Landscape Services John Burns. “It not only recognizes the efforts put in by my staff, but also the University of Texas's commitment towards enriching the lives of its students and faculty through green spaces.”

The Green Star Awards program brings national recognition to grounds maintained with a high degree of excellence, complimenting other national landscape award programs that recognize outstanding landscape design and construction. This year's program acknowledged the nation's top manicured grounds in settings ranging from parks to apartment complexes to cemeteries. Overall, PGMS presented 19 Grand Awards, its highest honor, as well as 20 Honor Awards in 14 categories of competition.

Founded in 1911, PGMS is an individual membership society of grounds professionals advancing the grounds management profession through education and professional development. For further information on PGMS, contact the Society at 720 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21230, phone: 410-223-2861, e-mail: [pgms@assnhqtrs.com](mailto:pgms@assnhqtrs.com), or visit them online at [www.PGMS.org](http://www.PGMS.org).

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