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**THE MCGRAW-HILL COMPANIES' ECO-FRIENDLY BUILDING
IN DUBUQUE, IOWA, AWARDED 'GREEN' BUILDING CERTIFICATION**

*First Dubuque Building to be Recognized with
LEED Certification by U.S. Green Building Council*

NEW YORK, September 4, 2008 — The McGraw-Hill Companies (NYSE: MHP) today announced that the new building it designed in Dubuque, Iowa, to house its global headquarters for higher education science, engineering and math has been awarded LEED® silver certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is the USGBC's leading rating system for designing and constructing the world's greenest, most energy-efficient, and high-performing buildings.

According to the USGBC, McGraw-Hill Education's facility in the Port of Dubuque is the first in the city to receive LEED certification and is only one of six in the state of Iowa to be LEED silver certified.

"We demonstrate our commitment to good corporate citizenship in many ways," said Harold McGraw III, chairman, president and CEO of The McGraw-Hill Companies. "This investment in our state-of-the-art, green facility is just one example of our company-wide commitment to environmental sustainability, which is one of the bedrocks of our responsibility to the communities in which we live and work. We are very proud to receive this recognition."

McGraw-Hill Education's building, which opened in August 2007, incorporates a number of eco-friendly features, including preferred parking for hybrid vehicles, a white roof to reduce absorption of solar heat, plumbing fixtures that reduce water consumption by 30%, and HVAC and mechanical equipment designed and installed to optimize energy efficiency. It was constructed using regionally manufactured and recycled materials, low-emitting adhesives, sealants, paints and carpeting.

USGBC's rating system for LEED certification awards points for satisfying specified green building criteria. Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels of LEED green building certification are awarded based on the total number of points earned.

The environmentally friendly building is located at 501 Bell Street. Nearly 400 McGraw-Hill Education employees provide editorial, production and marketing services focused on the development of higher education textbooks, digital products and other content for the critical subjects of science, engineering, math and allied health.

McGraw-Hill Education also operates a distribution center in Dubuque, which is the primary distribution point for educational products offered by CTB/McGraw-Hill, a leading publisher of standardized student achievement tests, and McGraw-Hill Professional, which focuses on professional, reference, and trade publishing.

About McGraw-Hill Education:

McGraw-Hill Education is a leading global provider of print and digital instructional, assessment and reference solutions that empower professionals and students of all ages. McGraw-Hill Education has offices in 33 countries and publishes in more than 40 languages. Additional information is available at <http://www.mheducation.com>.

About The McGraw-Hill Companies:

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