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News Release

John Mateka Receives AHRMM's 2007 Leadership Award

CHICAGO, August 20, 2007 — The Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management (AHRMM) has named John Mateka as the recipient of the 2007 George R. Gossett Leadership Award.

The Leadership Award is the association's highest honor, given to an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary level of leadership and professional competence in the healthcare supply chain field, advanced the state-of-the-art in healthcare materials management, or made other significant contributions to AHRMM.

Mateka, Executive Director Materials Services for Greenville Hospital System/University Medical Center in Greenville, S.C., received the award in recognition of his commitments, contributions, and volunteer efforts to advance the supply chain profession and AHRMM's strategic role within the field. In addition to serving as AHRMM president, Mateka also served two terms on the Board of Directors. His accomplishments include working to produce AHRMM's Performance Indicators publication series and laying the foundation for AHRMM's benchmarking initiative with Arizona State University, broadening and expanding AHRMM's membership from materials management to include supply chain-related consultants, and establishing the Annual Golf Tournament to support Project Perfect World Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded by AHRMM that benefits children in third world countries. He also chaired both the Support Services Indicators Advisory and Benchmarking Committees.

"John is devoted to advancing the healthcare supply chain. He is an exemplary leader, innovator, and educator, whose dedication is appreciated by both AHRMM and the materials management profession at large. He is most deserving of this award," said AHRMM President Jean Sargent.

Beyond his dedication to AHRMM, Mateka has also been a leader in other materials and environmental service areas, including Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E), where he served on a Leadership Council that led a landmark initiative to eliminate mercury and reduce waste in hospitals with three major organizations: the American Hospital Association, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Health Care Without Harm. In addition, Mateka co-chaired the Environmentally Preferred Products Committee, ultimately producing the first H2E Environmentally Preferred Purchasing document.

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About AHRMM

The Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management is the leading national association for executives in the healthcare resource and materials management profession. A professional membership group of the American Hospital Association, AHRMM serves more than 4,000 active members. Founded in 1962, AHRMM prepares its members to contribute to the field and advance the profession through networking, education, recognition, and advocacy. For more information, visit www.ahrmm.org.

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