

The July 2007 issue of PLANET News writes: HighGrove Partners, owned by Jim McCutcheon, CLP, Kenneth Rogers and Bill Lincicome, has pledged \$25,000 to the ALCA Educational Foundation (AEF) scholarship fund. This contribution distinguishes the company as an AEF Ambassador.

The AEF scholarship fund was formed to award scholarships and fund educational activities for the green industry. As an AEF Ambassador, HighGrove Partners is entitled to name and establish the criteria for its scholarships.

In explaining why the contribution was made, McCutcheon says, "The reason I did this is not to become an AEF Ambassador. Instead, it is the first step to achieve one of my life-long goals. The state of education in our country is worrisome to me. My dream is to help create an educational foundation one day to help solve some of these problems, and this is one of the first steps in developing the dream." McCutcheon adds, "In addition, the reason I chose this to be the first step is because I have gained so much from my association with PLANET, my role with Student Career Days, and my relationships with various schools. This is the least I could do."

In business since 1989, HighGrove Partners is one of the Top 50 landscaping companies in the United States and is one of the largest privately owned diversified landscape design, installation and maintenance companies in Atlanta , Georgia . From landscape architecture to design/build to ongoing maintenance, HighGrove offers a comprehensive range of landscape services to office parks, commercial buildings, private residences and other commercial, institutional and community operations.

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