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**AMERICAN WOODMARK ANNOUNCES SPONSORSHIP OF
2006/2007 NKBA STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION**

AWC/NKBA Partnership Helps Recognize Up and Coming Designers

CHICAGO (April 21, 2006) – American Woodmark Corporation, a leading supplier of cabinetry to the new construction and remodeling industry, announced that it will continue its sponsorship in 2006/2007 with Sub-Zero Freezer/Wolf Appliance Company of the National Kitchen & Bath Association's (NKBA) Student Design Competition.

As a result of American Woodmark's sponsorship in 2005/2006, a new category was added, providing student designers with the choice of participating in the kitchen and/or bath competition by creating functional and aesthetically pleasing rooms that conform to rigorous NKBA guidelines.

"It is these young talented designers that help keep the kitchen and bath industry fresh," said Ian Sole, senior vice president, Sales and Marketing, American Woodmark Corporation. "American Woodmark's continued sponsorship of this student design program is based on our recognition of the need for more kitchen and bath designers to support our industry's growth. American Woodmark is committed to this mission and urges others to join us in supporting programs such as these."

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Sherylin Doyle, director of professional programs, NKBA, stated, “NKBA applauds our sponsors, American Woodmark and Sub-Zero, for providing the means to include a bathroom competition this year. Without their funding, the additional category would not have been possible. This new category challenges more young designers to become proficient in bath design.”

The NKBA Student Design competition is open to all NKBA student members, offering young kitchen and bath professionals an unparalleled opportunity for advancement and training in the field. The 2005/2006 competition consisted of 127 kitchen entries and 62 bathroom entries entailing unprecedented creativity, while meeting the needs of imaginary clients developed by NKBA. To comply with NKBA design competition guidelines, students were required to submit floor, construction and mechanical plans; elevations; concept boards; and a design statement. The awards in each category will be presented on Thursday, April 20, 2006 at the NKBA Board of Trustee’s Gala and Cocktail Reception.

About American Woodmark Corporation

American Woodmark Corporation, located in Winchester, Va., is the third largest manufacturer of kitchen and bath cabinets in the United States. Offering more than 230 cabinet lines in a wide variety of designs, materials and finishes, American Woodmark products are sold through a network of dealers and distributors and directly to home centers and major homebuilders. The Company currently operates 15 manufacturing facilities in Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, as well as various service centers across the country. American Woodmark shares are traded on the NASDAQ National Market under the symbol “AMWD.” To find out more about American Woodmark, and view its vast array of cabinet styles, visit its Web site at americanwoodmark.com

About the National Kitchen & Bath Association

The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) is a non-profit trade association that has educated and led the kitchen and bath industry since 1963. With nearly 36,000 members and growing, NKBA owns the Kitchen/Bath Industry Show & Conference (K/BIS). The mission of NKBA is to enhance member success and excellence, promote professionalism and ethical business practices, and provide leadership and direction for the kitchen and bath industry. For more information, please visit the NKBA Press Room at www.nkba.org/press or to become a member please call 800-THE-NKBA or visit www.nkba.org.

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