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## <u>CONNIE EDWARDS ELECTED TO</u> NKBA'S MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

**CHICAGO** (**April 21, 2006**) – Connie Edwards, CKD, CBD and director of design for American Woodmark Corporation, the third largest manufacturer of kitchen and bath cabinets in the United States, has been elected by the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) Executive Committee to serve on the organization's Marketing/Communications Committee effective 2006.

Edwards' term will last for three years, concluding on December 31, 2008. As a committee member, Edwards will help develop strategies and programs that will lead to the development of marketing/communication policies and annual tactical plans. In addition to aiding policy development, she will act as a member liaison providing grass root input to NKBA for incorporation into the overall strategic plan.

"The Association appreciates the generosity of our member volunteers," said Josh Blatt, NKBA Manager of Creative Services. "Through their efforts, NKBA and the industry as a whole prosper. We appreciate Connie stepping forward to assume an extended role in NKBA. I am looking forward to working with her in this expanded capacity." In the past, Edwards has been the co-chair of The National Council of the Housing Industry, a council of the National Home Builders' Association, the manufacturers' council for NKBA and a judge for the 2004 NKBA national student design competition. She was inducted into the NKBA Baltimore and Washington chapter Hall of Fame in October 2003. Edwards is well known in the industry and frequently speaks at national trade shows such as the Kitchen/Bath Industry Show and the International Builders Show on topics that include trends, project management and design. She has appeared on *HGTV* as well as *Good Morning America*. Her design work and articles to the trade appear nationally.

"The NKBA has been a huge contributor to the growth of the kitchen and bath industry over the years," said Edwards. "Its Endorsed College programs and other initiatives have raised the bar on all aspects of the industry, and I am thrilled to be asked to participate in such an innovative and influential committee."

## **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 <u>americanwoodmark.com</u>.

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## 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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