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**TEKNION WINS EVERGREEN AWARD FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP FROM GSA**

*U.S. Government award recognizes outstanding environmental
practices and commitment to a sustainable future*

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J., March 6, 2009 – Teknion Corporation today announced that it has been recognized by the U.S. Government’s General Services Administration (GSA) with its first Evergreen Award in the Furniture category.

“The companies we honor today have done an outstanding job in making environmentally friendly options available to GSA client agencies. I thank them all for their commitment and expertise and for demonstrating that green products are a viable option for customers and businesses alike,” said GSA Deputy Administrator Barney Brasseur.

“We are very honored to win an Evergreen Award as it reinforces Teknion’s commitment to the environment and our clients,” said Tracy Backus, Teknion’s National Manager of Sustainable Programs. “Although this award is a tribute to our sustainability efforts to date, we know that we must continue to constantly improve our manufacturing and delivery processes, while reducing our impacts on the planet.”

Sponsored by the GSA Integrated Workplace Acquisition Center, the Evergreen Awards recognize companies that demonstrate environmental conscientiousness with programs focused on recycling, affirmative procurement of supply and waste reduction. The award is granted to the government contractor that actively demonstrates the highest overall commitment to environmentally sound manufacturing and operating procedures in five categories: Waste Prevention, Recycling, Affirmative Procedure, Environmental Preferability and Model Facility.

Some of Teknion’s environmental initiatives in these categories that earned it an Evergreen Award include:

1. **Waste Prevention** – Integrating the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s DfE (Design for the Environment) principles internally, and formalizing DfE into a set of nine guidelines that shape all new products. Waste is reduced, the use of materials with high recycled content and/or their ability to be recycled is maximized, and toxic materials are being eliminated.
2. **Recycling** – Waste diversion has gone from 45 to 90 percent in the last six years.
3. **Affirmative Procurement** – All contractors/suppliers meet rigid criteria for quality, management, training and environmental responsibility prior to being added as a new vendor. Teknion works with vendors to make improvements, including reducing and reusing material or recycling/eliminating waste.

4. **Environmental Preferability** – Continuous improvements to reduce energy (a 26 percent electricity and 47.7 percent natural gas reduction in six years per \$100,000 of sales), reduce water consumption (54 percent less water used in 2008 than in 2003 per \$100,000 of sales), and increased waste diversion (88.8 percent of all waste generated was diverted from landfill in 2008).
5. **Model Facility** – Contributions to waste prevention, recycling and affirmative procurement have resulted from active leadership at the executive level, investment in resources and training, and have brought a change in corporate culture.

The Evergreen Awards were presented at the GSA's Quality Partnership Council meeting on March 3, 2009, in Arlington, Va. Evergreen Awards were also presented to Bentley Prince Street – a floor coverings manufacturer – in the Furnishings category, and to Kyocera Mita – a manufacturer of printers and digital multiple function printers – in the Technologies and Electronics category.

About GSA

GSA is a centralized federal procurement and property management agency created by Congress to improve government efficiency and help federal agencies better serve the public. GSA provides federal agencies with office space, equipment, telecommunications, information technology, supplies and services. GSA also supports U.S. federal civilian and military activities around the world. Comprised of 13,000 associates, GSA provides services for the office operations of over one million federal workers located in more than 8,000 government-owned and leased buildings in 2,000 U.S. communities.

Teknion Corporation is a leading international designer, manufacturer and marketer of office systems and related office furniture products. Teknion headquarters are located in Toronto, Ontario. The company has offices and facilities in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, India, Russia and Malaysia, and serves clients through a network of authorized dealers worldwide. Visit Teknion at www.teknion.com.

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