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***CONSOLIDATED CARPET, BENTLEY PRINCE STREET AND THE
SALVADORI CENTER SPONSOR DESIGN WORKSHOP FOR BRONX
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS***

NEW YORK—May 7, 2010 – Consolidated Carpet recently co-hosted a **2010 Celebrate Earth** hands-on learning workshop with Bentley Prince Street at the Bentley Prince Street showroom in Manhattan. Designers from 11 major New York City interior design firms taught students from Bronx middle schools about sustainable design by working with them on projects using repurposed samples.

Consolidated Carpet co-sponsored the event with Bentley Prince Street, The Salvadori Center and Antron Carpet Fiber in honor of Earth Day. Consolidated and Bentley Prince Street partnered 11 designers with teams of four students in the sixth to eighth grades. The 44 student participants were identified by The Salvadori Center, a non-profit that fosters learning through architecture and design.

The design firms donated carpet sample boxes, carpet samples and a variety of design materials; and the students worked alongside the designers to decorate the boxes with the carpet samples and other materials, repurposing the boxes as containers for art supplies.

“The students did outstanding design work, and the companies involved were really engaged from beginning to end,” said David T. Meberg, President and CEO of Consolidated Carpet. “It’s amazing to see so many young people excited about protecting the environment and wanting to learn how they can help.”

“The students were all very interested in the sustainability concepts we showed them,” said Beth Shoshan, Regional Vice President of Bentley Prince Street. “It was great to see the creative ways that each child interpreted sustainability.”

The students competed for various creative prizes. “Everybody was a winner,” noted Meberg, since they all left not only with their own creations, but also with candy trophies and bags of art supplies donated by The Greater New York Floor Coverers Association. Even students who

couldn't make the trip benefited because the unused materials from the workshop were sent back to the schools for use in art projects.

"It was really fun learning how recycled materials can be used to make interesting designs," said one student. "I would definitely do it again next year."

Consolidated Carpet is committed to helping organizations achieve their green building goals as they relate to flooring and carpet installation. They are actively involved with various green projects, including a number of LEED-accredited jobs. Additionally, Consolidated supports its clients with reclamation programs through their ConServe Reclamation initiative, so that flooring materials will be recycled instead of going into landfills.

For more information about Consolidated Carpet, please visit the firm's website at www.consolidatedcarpet.com or call (212) 226-4600.

ABOUT CONSOLIDATED CARPET: A NATIONAL LEADER WITH A TRADITION OF SERVICE

Consolidated Carpet is the nation's premier full-service flooring and carpet contractor, with headquarters in New York. As a third-generation, family-owned and operated business, we are hands-on, accountable and driven to satisfy our clients' needs. As one of the nation's largest and most recognized full-service floor covering contractors, we serve our clients from planning and specification through installation and maintenance. Our prestigious clients include Fortune 500 corporations, professional service firms, luxury hotel properties, institutional properties, real estate owners and general contractors. The firm's website can be found at www.consolidatedcarpet.com.

ABOUT BENTLEY PRINCE STREET

Bentley Prince Street is the largest commercial carpet manufacturer in California and has developed a strong working relationship with Consolidated Carpet in the New York market. The company is at the forefront of manufacturing sustainable flooring solutions and builds sustainability into every aspect of its business practices through its Mission Zero initiative. To learn more about Bentley Prince Street, please visit www.bentleyprincestreet.com.

ABOUT THE SALVADORI CENTER AND DR. MARIO SALVADORI

The Salvadori Center prepares teachers to unlock the math and science embedded in the structures that surround us. The Center inspires educators and their students to use the wonder, beauty and logic of our built world to construct enduring learning experiences. Dr. Mario Salvadori (1907-1997), a renowned Columbia University professor and structural engineer, founded the Center in 1987, inspired by his work introducing Harlem middle school students to "real-world" design and construction activities. Today, the Salvadori Center works in more than 35 schools and community centers annually throughout the five boroughs.

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