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## **Amerinet Receives National Award for Environmental Achievement**

**St. Louis, Mo. (May 20, 2009)** - Amerinet, a leading national group purchasing organization, has been named the recipient of the 2009 Champion for Change award by Practice Greenhealth for outstanding contributions to environmentally responsible healthcare.

“We take our commitment to environmental stewardship very seriously,” said Todd Ebert, Amerinet president and CEO. “We are proud to deliver the products and services that better the environment and public safety.”

The Champion for Change award recognizes businesses and organizations that demonstrate successful accomplishments in “greening” their own organization and have assisted their associated healthcare members in improving environmental performance.

Recognizing the importance of “greening” the healthcare supply chain, Amerinet has taken the lead in providing environmentally preferable purchasing (EPP) educational resources to staff and members. The company also supports EPP through continual reviews of the Amerinet portfolio for opportunities to enhance environmentally friendly product coverage to its membership. Amerinet is currently offering more than 33,000 green purchasing options, which are listed on the member resources section of the Amerinet Web site. Green alternatives are available in virtually all product and service areas, with environmentally friendly advantages including energy efficiency, waste reduction, mercury alternative and recycling, package efficiency, greener cleaners and recyclable or compostable products.

Amerinet also offers continued support of organizations, such as Practice Greenhealth, who provide consulting services on EPP topics and work in conjunction with Amerinet on strategies to expand “green” products/services within the portfolio.

“The award is a reflection of Amerinet’s commitment to their customers to protect health and preserve the environment,” said Bob Jarboe, executive director, Practice Greenhealth.

### **About Amerinet**

As a leading national group purchasing organization, Amerinet strategically partners with healthcare providers to reduce costs and improve quality. Through its Total Spend Management solutions and operational performance improvement programs, tools and services, Amerinet assists members in their efforts to reduce costs, improve efficiencies and create new revenue streams. Supported by a team of clinical, data and supply chain experts, Amerinet offers a comprehensive portfolio of product and service contracts to address members’ specific needs. Amerinet serves acute and alternate care site healthcare providers nationwide. To learn more, visit [www.amerinet-gpo.com](http://www.amerinet-gpo.com).