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Watkins Manufacturing Recognized by Employees, HR Professionals For Second Consecutive Year for Workplace Excellence

VISTA, Calif., November 8, 2007—Watkins Manufacturing, maker of Hot Spring® spas—the world's No. 1 selling brand of portable spas—and Caldera® spas, has been honored for the second year in a row with a Workplace Excellence Award by the San Diego Society for Human Resource Management.

The society, in partnership with SeaWorld and *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, recognized Watkins with a Medallion Award in the Large Companies category at the Eighth Annual Workplace Excellence Awards ceremonies November 7. The annual event is dedicated to recognizing companies that have been nominated by their employees and business associates for exceptional human resource practices that have directly contributed to organizational success.

QUOTE about being honored for two straight years.

More than 150 award nominations were made this year, for companies ranging from public service to high-tech companies, and from small businesses with less than 50 employees to large organizations with more than 1,500 employees.

About Hot Spring Spas

Established in 1977, Vista, Calif.-based Watkins Manufacturing Corp. is the manufacturer of Hot Spring Spas. More than 700,000 spas have been sold since Watkins' inception. Watkins' worldwide dealer network of more than 900 sales and service centers is in all 50 states, Canada and more than 60 other countries. Watkins is a division of Masco Corp. (MAS-NYSE), a Fortune 500 company whose quality products include Delta® faucets, KraftMaid® cabinets and Behr® paints. More information and [dealer locations](#) are available online at www.hotspring.com or by phoning 800-401-2768.

About Caldera Spas

Caldera hot tubs are widely distributed throughout the United States, Canada and abroad. Established in 1976, Caldera Spas – one of the world's most trusted hot tub brands – was acquired by Watkins Manufacturing Corp. in 1999. Watkins is a division of Masco Corp. (MAS-NYSE), a Fortune 500 firm whose quality products include Delta® faucets, KraftMaid® cabinets and Behr® paints. More information and Caldera spa [dealer locations](#) are available online at www.calderaspas.com or by phoning 800-840-3429.

Caldera Spas is the Official Hot Tub Sponsor of the [American Institute of Stress](#), a non-profit organization committed to educating the public on the negative physical and emotional aspects of stress and its implications on the quality of life.

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