

Enterprise Bank awards Vermiculite Association Member - Whittemore Company (Lawrence, Massachusetts USA) with Business of the Year Award.

Lawrence, Massachusetts – November 09, 2011 - - Enterprise Bank, in it's third Celebration of *Excellence* Program, honored Whittemore Company, 30 Glenn Street, Lawrence as an award recipient for one of their two *Business of the Year* Awards.

The *Celebration of Excellence* Program, which Enterprise bank CEO, Jack Clancy stated as recognition of “dreamers and doers” was held November 9th at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Lowell – Massachusetts, USA. The event was attended by 1,500 people.



The *Business of the Year Award* recognizes and honors successful, local businesses for their financial achievement, positive workplace environment and continued community impact. A committee of judges reviewed the submitted information, stories and achievements of 75 applicants before choosing the two companies for the Business Category award honor.

(Photo: Jeffery Sheehy of Whittemore accepts the award)

The evening of recognition was highlighted by keynote speaker, Chris Gardner who was the subject of the 2006 Oscar- nominated film, *The Pursuit of Happyness*, starring actor Will Smith. Mr. Gardner’s self proclaimed description of personal triumph and successful overcoming of insurmountable odds, proved to be a perfect match for all the enduring characteristics that the *Celebration of Excellence* was created to honor.

Whittemore Company’s roots have been traced back to 1919. At that time, the company was located in the Roslindale section of Boston and distributed feed, grain and coal. During the next few decades, the company began selling building supplies and other construction materials and eventually manufactured ready mix concrete.

In 1949 Whittemore started expanding perlite. Over the next twenty years, the company divested itself of manufacturing all other construction products and focused solely on the processing of perlite. The two main products were Perlite Plaster Aggregate and Perlite Concrete Aggregate.

In 1973 the Sheehy family purchased Whittemore Company and moved it from the Roslindale section of Boston to Andover, Massachusetts. The company remained at this location until 1985 when it was relocated to its present site in Lawrence, Massachusetts. The company expanded once again, in 1993 to include the processing of vermiculite, as well as a blending process for custom products.

Whittemore's 50,000 sq.ft. production and warehouse facility houses two perlite furnaces and two vermiculite furnaces. A computerized blending system produces a full line of custom blended products. The packaging line is equipped to fill both plastic and kraft paper bags, in addition to semi bulk and bulk trailer loads. The facility has on-site capabilities for receiving and unloading both truck and rail shipments of crude ore. The ore storage of 5,000 tons insures an uninterrupted flow of finished products to our customers. Whittemore's main markets for both vermiculite and perlite are industrial, construction and horticultural.

The Whittemore Company has been an active member in The Vermiculite Association which is an international trade association representing vermiculite mining companies, processors and producers of vermiculite products. Founded in 1948, The Vermiculite Association is headquartered in the United Kingdom. Joining The Vermiculite Association in 1991, Jeffrey Sheehy, president of Whittemore Company, has served on various committees and task forces and acted as host for the 2001, Vermiculite Association - Annual Meeting held in Boston.

For more information on Whittemore Company, it's products and services, please visit their web site at www.whittemoreco.com or contact:

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