DOE and EPA Recognize Whirlpool Corporation with ENERGY STAR® Sustained Excellence 2007 Award

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., March 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Whirlpool Corporation (NYSE: WHR) today announced that it will receive the 2007 ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year Award for Sustained Excellence from the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This special award is given to a select group of organizations that have exhibited outstanding environmental leadership year after year, while sustaining product and marketing excellence. This unique honor represents the company's eighth ENERGY STAR Award win.

Whirlpool Corporation will be recognized at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on March 21, 2007.

Whirlpool Corporation, an ENERGY STAR partner since 1998, will be honored for its leadership in designing, manufacturing and marketing resource efficient home appliances that earn the ENERGY STAR, the government-backed symbol of energy efficiency. Among the reasons cited in recognizing Whirlpool was the company's commitment to offering a compelling depth and breadth of ENERGY STAR qualified products, as well as the company's training programs, marketing campaigns and innovative national consumer education activities.

Across the U.S., top companies and organizations are discovering the value of promoting resource efficiency through participation in the ENERGY STAR program. Last year alone, with the help of ENERGY STAR, Americans saved $14 billion on their utility bills and enough peak energy to power 70 power plants.

"Whirlpool Corporation is proud to again receive the ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award," said Dave Swift, president, Whirlpool North America. "Whirlpool regards the ENERGY STAR program as one of its most important partnerships because ENERGY STAR offers more than rhetoric to efforts at conserving the world's nonrenewable resources - ENERGY STAR produces solid results for consumers. As a Manufacturer Partner, and the world's leading appliance company, our vision is to offer products for every home, everywhere. Whirlpool meets that challenge, in large measure, by offering a full line of innovative, energy and water efficient appliances."

"Partners like Whirlpool Corporation are national leaders in energy efficiency," said Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the Department of Energy. "The ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award winners are leaders in adopting energy efficient technologies for their products and practices. Their long term commitment to energy efficiency is good for business, the environment, for consumers - and for the country as a whole."

"Partners like Whirlpool are outstanding leaders in protecting our environment through energy efficiency," said Bill Wehrum, acting assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Air and Radiation. "As one of the 2007 ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence winners Whirlpool has taken energy efficiency to new heights year after year and we all benefit."

The 2007 Sustained Excellence Awards are given to a select group of organizations that have showcased outstanding leadership consistently. The winners have set and achieved aggressive goals and they've used innovative approaches to highlight what can be achieved through energy efficiency.

About Whirlpool Corporation

Whirlpool Corporation is the world's leading manufacturer and marketer of major home appliances, with annual sales of approximately $18 billion, more than 73,000 employees, and more than 60 manufacturing and technology research centers around the world. The company markets Whirlpool, Maytag, KitchenAid, Jenn-Air, Amana, Brastemp, Bauknecht and other major brand names to consumers in nearly every country around the world. Additional information about the company can be found at http://www.whirlpoolcorp.com.

About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. Today, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy, the program offers businesses and consumers energy- efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect the environment for future generations. More than 9,000 organizations are ENERGY STAR partners committed to improving the

energy efficiency of products, homes and businesses. For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit www.energystar.gov or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).