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## **HydroMentia's Algal Turf Scrubber® (ATS™) Selected for 2008 Governor's New Product Award**

**Tallahassee, Florida (February 2008)** - HydroMentia, Inc. has been awarded the Governor's New Product Award for 2008 for the Algal Turf Scrubber®, a water treatment system that removes harmful nutrients from surface water. The award was presented to HydroMentia President Margaret Palmer and Vice President Mark Zivojnovich at an awards reception at The Capitol on February 5.



Representative Trudi Williams PE (R-Florida) (on right) and Rebecca McClintock PE, Chair of the Florida Professional Engineers in Industry Practice Section (on left) present the 2008 Governor's New Product Award to HydroMentia president Margaret Palmer at the reception.

“We are extremely pleased that the Algal Turf Scrubber® was selected for this award,” said HydroMentia President Margaret Palmer. “The ATS™ is a valuable tool that will be instrumental in restoring Florida's impaired water bodies.” HydroMentia was commended on the quality and innovation of the ATS™ as well as its economic contribution to Florida.

The Governor's New Product Award is presented by the Florida Engineering Society annually to recognize engineering efforts used to create and develop innovative new products, machines, processes or materials for the marketplace.

HydroMentia's Algal Turf Scrubber® offers an innovative, cost-effective solution to restoring and protecting waterways overburdened with nutrient pollutants. Scientist and engineers with HydroMentia pioneered the practice of naturally recovering nutrient pollutants using algae - the most efficient consumer of nutrient pollutants on earth. Algae on the ATS™ grow by feeding on the excess nutrients in the water it treats. The algal turf is then harvested on a regular basis, providing predictable, stable performance year-round in a variety of climates.

### **About HydroMentia, Inc.**

HydroMentia, Inc. designs, builds and operates innovative, cost-effective, managed aquatic plant treatment systems for pollution control and water restoration in agricultural, industrial and urban applications. The Algal Turf Scrubber® is a proprietary technology available exclusively through HydroMentia, Inc. HydroMentia owns numerous patents and intellectual property. Its head office is in Ocala, Florida. For more information about HydroMentia, Inc., go to [www.hydromentia.com](http://www.hydromentia.com).

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