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## **MUELLER'S PUBLIC ART PROJECT GETS SUPPORT FROM LEADING TECHNOLOGY COMPANY**

### **Applied Materials Donates \$50,000 to Solar SunFlowers at Mueller**

AUSTIN, Texas – Feb. 20, 2008 – Joined by Congressman Michael McCaul and Council Member Lee Leffingwell, Applied Materials and Catellus Development Group announced today the leading technology company's \$50,000 donation to the first public art project at Mueller. Applied Materials joins Catellus, who donated the initial \$500,000 for the project, in helping create "SunFlowers – A Garden of Energy" which will be installed late this spring.

"Solar energy is one of our most untapped sustainable resources and at Applied Materials, we're using our technology and manufacturing experience to make it more accessible," said Steve Taylor, senior manager for Applied Materials. "The SunFlowers are an innovative way to familiarize people with solar energy and help illustrate the possibilities for a solar-powered future."

The sculptures, designed by Mags Harries and Lajos Héder, co-founders of Harries/Héder Collaborative, are made of solar collectors and measure 16 feet high and 14 feet across. The series of SunFlowers will be visible from I-35 providing shade during the day and light during the night to a portion of Mueller's hike and bike trail system.

"Our city has a great understanding of how art can transform public spaces" said Council Member Lee Leffingwell. "Support from companies like Catellus and Applied Materials is evidence of Austin's commitment to the arts and to our community."

A panel of visual art and design professionals selected SunFlowers from a pool of 37 artists that submitted proposals for Mueller's signature public art gateway. The selection process, which was facilitated with help from the City of Austin's Art in Public Places program, also involved a period of community input in which the public overwhelmingly selected the design through the Internet and comments submitted at Austin City Hall and Clementine's Coffee House.

“Cities across Texas are incorporating solar energy in new and forward thinking ways,” said Congressman Michael McCaul, District 10. “Seeing projects like the SunFlowers in Austin demonstrates that the citizens and corporations that live in and serve our community are dedicated to exploring solar energy and its potential to change the way we live. These new solar technologies have the potential to improve our nation’s security by reducing our unsustainable dependence on foreign sources of energy.”

The project is a part of Austin Energy’s Solar Program and will receive approximately \$65,000 in solar rebates. The rebates help offset the cost of the solar array.

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**About Harries/Héder Collaborative, Inc. ([www.harriesheder.com](http://www.harriesheder.com))**

Mags Harries and Lajos Héder formed Harries/Héder Collaborative in Cambridge, Mass. in 1990 and have worked together on all major public commissions since then. Harries brings to the collaboration her training in sculpture, teaching and 20 years of work in public art, and Héder, in addition to working as an artist, is experienced in community projects, urban design, site planning, architecture and construction. They regularly collaborate with other designers, landscape architects, engineers and fabricators to realize their large-scale, complex projects. The team has completed projects for museums, parks, schools and libraries, transportation buildings, and public walkways. Recent works include Marsh Islands – South Boston Harbor Trail, Connections – at Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Conn. and Ocean Gateway: Stone Ship Tidal Park, Portland, Maine.

**About Mueller ([www.muelleraustin.com](http://www.muelleraustin.com))**

Mueller will be developed over 10 to 15 years and is expected to include more than 140 acres of open space, a pattern of landscaped streets designed to support pedestrians and bicycles, at least 4,600 single-family and multi-family living units, a mixed-use town center, 3.8 million square feet of office space, 650,000 square feet of retail space and a central transit corridor that provides for a possible extension of mass transit service. The 32-acre campus of the Dell Children’s Medical Center of Central Texas opened at Mueller in 2006 and project’s first residential phase broke ground in 2007 with Mueller’s first residents moving in by the end of 2007.

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