

Applied Materials Named to '100 Best Corporate Citizens List'

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SANTA CLARA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 13, 2009-- Applied Materials, Inc. announced today that it was named to *Corporate Responsibility Officer Magazines* 10 th annual list of "100 Best Corporate Citizens." This marks the seventh year the company has ranked on the prestigious list, which recognizes companies based on their performance in seven key areas, including: Environment, Climate Change, Human Rights, Philanthropy, Employee Relations, Financial and Governance.

"Applied Materials has long believed in demonstrating corporate citizenship across all aspects of our business, and we are proud to again be recognized for our achievements and commitment to enabling a bright future for all," said Mark Walker, managing director for Global Community Affairs at Applied Materials. "In today's business environment, now more than ever, people are looking for responsible corporate leadership. Applied has certainly demonstrated our strength in this area for more than 40 years through innovative products, sustainable business practices, employee involvement and corporate philanthropy."

"In tough times, strong reputations and transparency pack as much punch as a strong balance sheet," said *CRO Magazine* publisher Jay Whitehead. "I applaud companies like Applied Materials who are maintaining a high standard of corporate social responsibility practices across the board."

Applied Materials is committed to growing profitably and sustaining business in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. The company was recently recognized on *FORTUNE* magazine's 2009 "World's Most Admired Companies" list, ranking among the top five companies in the semiconductor industry for its practices in innovation, people management, use of corporate assets, social responsibility, quality of management, financial soundness, long-term investment, quality of products/services and global competitiveness. To learn more about Applied Materials' products and services and corporate social responsibility strategy visit www.appliedmaterials.com and the corporate citizenship report.

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