

### Bachem Americas Receives Abbott's Supplier Excellence Award

On Monday April 27, 2009, Abbott presented its Supplier Excellence Award to Bachem Americas. Winners were recognized for exceptional contributions to Abbott in 2008, and were chosen from more than 15,000 worldwide suppliers because of outstanding performance and continuous improvement in supplying materials, equipment and services to Abbott.

"Abbott's performance excellence is possible through partnerships with suppliers that share our commitment to the highest measures of quality," said Sarah Catterson, Abbott's Divisional Vice President of Corporate Purchasing. "These awards recognize companies that have consistently delivered in an outstanding manner."

The Abbott Supplier Excellence Award program began in 1991 and utilizes an assessment process that combines performance data along with feedback from internal stakeholders, including manufacturing, material control, quality, engineering, administrative services and select others. The program identifies Abbott's highest performing suppliers by assessing performance in the categories of quality, delivery performance, service, cost effectiveness, process improvement and innovation.



Abbott presents the Supplier Excellence Award to Bachem Americas. Pictured (from left to right): Mark Hanke from Abbott Corporate Purchasing, Alex Faessler President of Bachem Inc., Jim Snow from Abbott, Bachem Americas' CEO Philip Ottiger and Craig Sebetic from Abbott.