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## **Connerton Named Pasco Business Partner of the Year by Pasco County Schools**

**TAMPA, Fla.** (April 11, 2008) – The Connerton Community Council was personally recognized by Florida’s Commissioner of Education, Dr. Eric J. Smith, as one of this year’s two outstanding Business Partners for Pasco County Schools. The Commissioner’s Business Recognition Awards (CBRA) provide an opportunity for the Department of Education and school districts to champion collaborative partnerships between businesses/organizations and Florida’s public schools. The award ceremony was held at the Hyatt Regency in Jacksonville last night.

The Connerton Community Council enhances the Connerton lifestyle by sponsoring programs and activities that benefit its residents and the surrounding communities.

“At Connerton, we understand what an important role education plays in creating a successful community,” Gibbons said. “We are honored our Community Council has been named a business partner of the year for a cause we so strongly support.”

Connerton has been an active partner in strengthening public education in Pasco County through its generous sponsor of the Pasco Education Foundation, Inc. and various other local public schools and programs since its opening through the Connerton Community Council.

Pasco County’s outstanding business partners of the year are selected by Pasco County schools superintendent, Heather Fiorentino, with input from staff and the Foundation.

“We are fortunate to have generous community partners like the Connerton Community Council committed to the future of our students,” Fiorentino said. “Connerton recognizes that an investment in our children is an investment in our future. With the help of leaders, like Gibbons, I am confident we can build a strong foundation for student success.”

### **About Connerton**

Connerton is a 4,800-acre mixed-use master planned community in central Pasco County and the only “New Town” currently under construction in the greater Tampa Bay area. In total, approximately 8,500 residential units are planned with more than 3 million square feet of commercial space for office, retail and industrial uses. The Arbors, the first village in Connerton, is nearly sold out. Village Two, The Gardens, is now selling.

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The community currently features amenities including a Village Center with a Publix Super Market, banks and other convenient shops and services; and walking trails, boardwalks, neighborhood parks and conservation areas. A fitness and aquatics complex, an amphitheatre and parks are under development; and a hospital, medical offices, a regional park and three schools and a town center are also planned.

For more information on Connerton, call (813) 995-2460 or visit [www.connerton.com](http://www.connerton.com).

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