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**ES8™ Wins Gold!**

**High Performance T8 Lighting honored with CSE Top Award**

**October 1, 2008 (Conyers, GA)** – ES8™ High Performance T8 Lighting has won top honors in the 4th annual *Consulting-Specifying Engineer* (CSE) Product of the Year competition. CSE subscribers cast one vote for the Most Valuable Product distinction among all finalists. Consulting-Specifying Engineer magazine recently announced the lighting category winner is Lithonia Lighting's new ES8 luminaire.

Subscribers to CSE began voting in May to determine the Most Valuable Product among all finalists. "Engineers are traditionally very conservative when specifying products for building systems. The Product of the Year competition highlights new or refined products that engineers have found valuable during the products' first year in the market. This helps accelerate the improvement of building performance by making them more energy efficient, safe, healthy, and environmentally friendly, and less costly over their lifecycle," said Michael Ivanovich, editor-in-chief.

"Competition was fierce this year; the judges had a hard time narrowing the finalists down to three for each category. We take this as a sign that manufacturers are investing more in new-product R&D, which is a huge win for the buildings industry and the environment," said Jim Langhenry, publisher.

For more information check out the October issue of Consulting-Specifying Engineer or please visit [www.lithonia.com/es8](http://www.lithonia.com/es8).

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ES8™ lighting represents a breakthrough in fluorescent systems, fusing high-performance T8 technology with an extremely efficient and comfortable distribution of light. Unlike common parabolic fixtures employing three standard-life, standard-output T8 lamps, es8 systems use just two long-life, high-efficiency, superior color-rendering lamps.

Lithonia Lighting, an Acuity Brands Company (NYSE: AYI), is North America's largest manufacturer of lighting equipment for commercial, industrial, outdoor and residential applications.

Acuity Brands, Inc. owns and operates Acuity Brands Lighting. With fiscal year 2007 net sales of approximately \$2.0 billion, Acuity Brands Lighting is one of the world's leading providers of lighting fixtures and includes brands such as Lithonia Lighting®, Holophane®, Peerless®, Mark Architectural Lighting™, Hydrel®, American Electric Lighting®, Gotham®, Carandini®, SpecLight®, MetalOptics® and Antique Street Lamps™. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Acuity Brands employs approximately 7,000 associates and has operations throughout North America and in Europe and Asia.

Oak Brook: Consulting-Specifying Engineer (CSE), a monthly publication with a circulation of over 46,000 mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) engineers has announced the winners of its 2008 Product of the Year competition.