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"Clearing the Smoke-The Libby Report" Wins 2008 Top Prize Telly Award
Silver Honors Strat@comm, Public Relations for the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association

Arlington, VA -- (July 22, 2008) "[Clearing the Smoke - The Libby Report](#)" video brought home the prestigious top prize of Silver in the 29th Annual Telly Awards. The video tells the story of a small town in Libby, Montana, desperate for clean air and warm homes, and the hearth industry that stepped-up to make it happen.

Produced by [Strat@comm](#), a Washington, D.C. communications firm, this video was one of 13,500 entries from all 50 states and around the world, and documents the daunting task of a town, the U.S. EPA and hearth industry that joined together to remove and replace over 1,000 polluting wood-burning stoves and replacing them with EPA-certified clean burning wood stoves that changed the lives of a community in need. Less than 10% of entries are chosen as winners of a Silver Telly by a panel of over 40 accomplished industry professionals and past Silver Telly winners.

"We're very excited that this video, highlighting the Libby, Montana, story, has been awarded the Silver Telly," said Jack Goldman, president, [Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association](#). "This was a story that needed to be told and the video that Strat@comm produced is a remarkable retelling of the story."

The Libby, Montana, wood stove changeout is just one of a growing trend around the country to replace outdated and polluting wood stoves with new technology wood stoves that burn cleaner and more efficient. For more information on the Wood Stove Changeout Program, Libby, Montana, and other successful and ongoing programs, visit <http://woodstovechangeout.org>.

About Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association (HPBA)

The 2,800-member Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association (HPBA), based in Arlington, VA, is the North American industry association for manufacturers, retailers, distributors, representatives, service firms and allied associates for all types of hearth, barbecue and patio appliances, fuels and accessories. The association provides professional member services and industry support in education, statistics, government relations, marketing, advertising, and consumer education. For information on the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association, visit www.hpba.org.