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USGBC's Natural Talent Design Competition Awards Three Teams 1st Place - Kicks Off 2007 Competition

November 29, 2006 - (Washington, DC) - The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) concluded its fourth annual national design competition at Greenbuild, the annual conference and trade show, two weeks ago in Denver, Colorado. Because of the tremendous quality of all entries and consistent attention to a variety of sustainable systems and strategies, the judges felt strongly that there needed to be a three-way tie for first place, as well as one honorable mention. The prizes were awarded as follows:

USGBC National Capitol Region Chapter: temporary school modules

- Casey Frazier- Perkins Eastman Architects
- Matthew Hogan- Sutton-Yantis Associates Architects
- Sean Wheeler- Walter Parks Architects
- Amy Vetal- Jacobs Architectural/Engineering

USGBC New York Chapter: nature center

- Kevin Morin- Mancini Duffy
- Dianna Pozdniakov- Moed de Armas & Shannon

USGBC N. Carolina Triangle Chapter: Habitat for Humanity house

- Frank Giordano- North Carolina State University
- Andrew Darab- North Carolina State University
- KC Kurtz- North Carolina State University
- Eric Jabaley- North Carolina State University
- Susan Ungerleider- North Carolina State University

Honorable Mention: USGBC Colorado Chapter: sustainable campus

- Elicia Ratajczyk- Colorado University- Denver
- Michael Florio- Colorado University- Denver
- Melissa Mabe Sabanosh- Colorado University- Denver
- Gary Taipalus- Colorado University-Denver

The 2006 expert panel of judges consisted of Bill Valentine, HOK; Gail Lindsey, Design Harmony; Gail Vittori, Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems; Lance Hosey, William McDonough + Partners; and Jana McKenzie, EDAW.

Building Green donated one year of access to their Building Green Suite for all entrants, and HOK sponsored the monetary awards.

Announcing the USGBC's 2007 Natural Talent Design Competition!!

Growing from the enormous success seen in the 2006 competition, nineteen local groups have created local programs and are hosting their own local competitions. These groups include: Northern California, National Capital Region, North Carolina Triangle, Cincinnati, Delaware Valley, New York City, Colorado, Kansas City, South Florida, Wisconsin, **Cascadia**, Mississippi Headwaters, Atlanta, Chicago, Western Michigan, New Jersey, Los Angeles, Arkansas and Indiana. Local winners will again be sponsored to Greenbuild 2007 in Los Angeles in October.

About the Natural Talent Design Competition:

Created as a traditional design competition in 2003 by the Emerging Green Builders (EGB) Committee of USGBC, the competition was brought to the local level in 2006. Eleven USGBC Chapters and EGB groups hosted their own local competitions around the country, sending their first place winners to Greenbuild to participate in a Best In Show national competition. This not only showcases the future talent and leaders of the green building movement, but allows students and young professionals to attend that would have otherwise not been able to afford registration and lodging.

About the Emerging Green Builders:

The Emerging Green Builders (EGB) Committee focuses on integrating students and young professionals into the green building movement by providing opportunities, discounts, networking, and communications. Started as a national committee of eight members across the country, there are now 80+ local groups across the country and beyond. For more information on the EGB, visit www.usgbc.org/egb

About USGBC

The U.S. Green Building Council is the nation's leading coalition of corporations, builders, universities, federal and local agencies, and nonprofit organizations working together to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. Greenbuild as well as the LEED Green Building Rating System are projects of the USGBC. For more information on the USGBC, visit www.usgbc.org.

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