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CCY ARCHITECTS WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION
Sustainable Design Honored by Professional, Trade, and Consumers

BASALT, Colo. – CCY Architects enjoyed the national spotlight recently when it was awarded the Builder’s Choice Community of the Year and the 2007 Grand Award for its design of Brasada Ranch, a sustainable community in Powell Butte, Ore. CCY Principal, Rich Carr, who led the design team for the Basalt, Colo. architectural firm, accepted the award at a gala dinner in Washington, D.C on Oct. 11. *Builder*, magazine of the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB), hosted the event and sponsored the national design awards contest.

“We’re honored to receive this prestigious award and we’re really excited that unique and sustainable communities like this are getting recognition,” said Carr. “CCY believes this is the future of architecture, land planning and building. We embrace this shift with contemporary, sustainable architecture that responds to regional heritage while moving us forward in a responsible way,” added Carr.

The dual Builder’s Choice awards are among six regional and national awards Brasada Ranch has received from all sectors, including the Architectural Institute of America (AIA), and consumer and trade publications. In addition, the 8,300 square foot Community Discovery Center, one of Brasada’s five community buildings, achieved the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification in March of this year. It was the first newly constructed resort building in the country to do achieve Gold certification.

Brasada Ranch, developed by JELD-WEN Communities, is comprised of 1800 acres in central Oregon’s high desert. Half is preserved as open space for walking, hiking and horseback riding trails. Perched atop a bluff, overlooking pasture and ranch lands with a panoramic view of the Cascade Range, Ranch Headquarters is both the gateway to and the heart of Brasada Ranch’s resort community. Designed to reflect a western ranch compound, Ranch Headquarters includes five community buildings, each designed to LEED Gold levels. Using CCY’s design guidelines, all private homes and cabins at Brasada will be built to Oregon’s strict Earth Advantage specifications.

“Sustainability is a core value at CCY and important in the design of all our projects. At Brasada Ranch, we had the advantage of being part of the vision early on and working closely with JELD-WEN Communities to achieve their goal of ‘walking softly on the land’,” offered Carr.

Sustainable design elements include a geothermal lake loop ground source heating and cooling system that improves efficiency by 60 per cent over traditional systems. A rooftop hot water solar system adds additional heat for the recreation center pool and showers. The resort also has purchased energy from renewable sources, primarily wind and hydro-electric power.

Two major historical elements connect the past to the new community. A nearby defunct lumber mill was carefully salvaged providing big timbers and beams for the buildings. Also, an historic water flume trestle on the site was completely refurbished and now serves as a walking and golf cart path. All other wood building material is Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified.

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Exterior stone veneer finishes use native stone and local lava rock; recycling areas are designed into each building; waterless urinals and earth-friendly interior specifications round out the sustainable aspects of the village.

“With Brasada we wanted to set a sustainable design standard for resort communities and also create an authentic spirit of place where people can live comfortably in harmony with the land,” Carr said.

For more information about CCY Architects, please visit www.ccyarchitects.com or call 970-927-4925. **Photos available upon request.**

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Brasada Ranch Resort Awards:

2007 AIA Colorado Merit Award – Brasada Ranch Headquarters

2007 Builder’s Choice Grand Award, *Builder Magazine* – Brasada Ranch Headquarters

2007 Builder’s Choice Sustainable Community Award, *Builder Magazine* – Brasada Ranch Headquarters

2007 Responsible Design Award, *Mountain Living Magazine* – Brasada Ranch Resort

2007 AIA Colorado West Chapter Merit Award – Brasada Ranch Headquarters

2007 US Green Building Council, LEED Gold Certification, Brasada Ranch - Community Discovery Center. The first new resort construction LEED Gold building in the country.

2006 AIA Colorado West Chapter, Merit Award - Community Discovery Center and Recreation Center

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