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WoodWorks Presents Wood Design Awards at Long Beach Wood Solutions Fair

LONG BEACH, Calif. (January 31, 2008) – WoodWorks California announced the winners of its 2007/08 Wood Design Awards at today’s Wood Solutions Fair in Long Beach. Awards were presented in five categories, including: engineering, institutional wood design, commercial wood design, green building and interior beauty of wood.

“The quality of submissions was fantastic,” said Bryan Schuyler, Regional Director of WoodWorks California. “They’re a real testament to the fundamental value proposition of the WoodWorks program—that wood provides more value in terms of its beauty, design flexibility and environmental attributes, for less cost than other major building materials, all while meeting fire, safety and other code requirements.”

The engineering award went to KNA Consulting Engineers, Inc. from Irvine, for regularly specifying, designing and building non-residential projects in wood. The company was recognized for contributing to the selection of wood in various projects, leading the way for future projects in wood and contributing to the creation of innovative wood structures that push the boundaries of conventional wood building practice.

“We are extremely honored to be selected for this award,” said Larry Kaprellian, principal of KNA Consulting Engineers. “Wood provides excellent benefits to an owner in terms of aesthetics and cost. That’s why wood is our preferred medium.”

Kasavan Architects, Inc. from Salinas, took home the institutional wood design award for their Gilroy High School project in Gilroy, which exemplifies wood's strength, beauty, versatility and cost-effectiveness.

The commercial wood design award recognizes the creators of commercial projects that push the limits of wood design in industrial buildings, offices, stores, malls, lodges, clubhouses and other public spaces. This honor was awarded to Steven Langford Architects, Inc. of Santa Ana, for their design of the Claim Jumper Restaurant in Fremont.

Berkeley's Marcy Wong & Donn Logan Architects took home the green building award for their work on the Lone Pine Visitor Center, which demonstrates how wood contributes to building high performance by reducing energy use, resource use, pollution and overall environmental impact.

"Wood is one of the most sustainable materials out there," said Marcy Wong, Principal of Marcy Wong & Donn Logan Architects. "It performs very well as a structural material in earthquake country; it is a timeless material that can look good through the lifetime of a building; and as an element of the design palette, is versatile and can be breathtaking. "

Marcy Wong & Donn Logan Architects also earned top honor in the interior beauty of wood category for the design of the Pearson Theatre at Meyer Sound Laboratories in Berkeley. This award recognizes the extensive use of wood inside a non-residential structure.

Helen Meyer of Meyer Sound Laboratories added, "We love the look of the wood in our theatre. It's used both cosmetically and as acoustic material. It makes the room warm and comfortable and yet it's also elegant and sophisticated."

The five Wood Design Awards were presented at the Wood Solutions Fair in Long Beach, which attracted more than 900 engineers, architects, general contractors,

developers and others from the California area. Fairs combine topical seminars with trade booths to deliver a comprehensive educational experience for individuals considering or using wood in non-residential structures.

Images of the winning entries are available on the WoodWorks Web site,
www.woodworks.org.

About WoodWorks

WoodWorks is an initiative of the Wood Products Council, which is a cooperative venture of all the major wood associations in North America, as well as research organizations and government agencies. For more information, visit
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