IIDA MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AT THE 28TH ANNUAL INTERIORS AWARDS PRESENTED BY CONTRACT MAGAZINE

January 26, 2007, Chicago, IL – The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) announces that Kelly Bauer, IIDA and her partner James Richard, AIA of richard + bauer in Phoenix were named Designers of the Year at the 28th Annual Interiors Breakfast.

Kelly Bauer, IIDA joins a distinguished group of IIDA Members who have served as designers of the year since the award’s inception in 1980. Past winners have included: Mark Harbick, IIDA (2006); Ken Wilson, IIDA, LEED AP (2005), Shashi Caan, IIDA (2004); Neville Lewis, FIIDA (1997); Stanford Hughes, IIDA (1996); Lauren Rottet, IIDA (1994); Juliette Lam, IIDA (1993); and Gary Lee, Associate IIDA (1992).

The duo has "not lofty images of themselves as designers—only lofty images of their work—which has enabled them to build a solid and successful partnership, based on a strong creative response to practical design challenges, not to mention positive relationships with their staff and their civic and institutional clients," stated Jennifer Busch, editor in chief of Contract Magazine.

In addition to spotlighting a designer of the year, Contract also honored Bill Valentine, IIDA, FAIA, Chairman, HOK, with their Legend Award. The award is intended to recognize the stellar and influential career of its recipients, and Valentine has focused his talent and passion for design and architecture on the firm’s projects and culture, shaping a variety of cities and individuals along the way, certainly making him an ideal recipient.

Further information about the honorees and design award winners can be found in the January 2007 issue of Contract Magazine or at www.contractmagazine.com.

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