FIRST ANNUAL IIDA/METROPOLIS SMART ENVIRONMENTS AWARDS ANNOUNCED

May 26, 2006, Chicago, IL –The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is pleased to announce the winners of its first annual Smart Environments Awards, co-sponsored by publishing partner Metropolis Magazine. Winners were chosen from projects submitted from interior design firms around the world. The competition will honor the best in design solutions over the past five years, those that are environmentally and socially responsible as well as beautiful and functional.

Six winners were selected in from projects across the spectrum of design practice:

1. Project: GW/8B Loft, New York, NY
   Firm: Archi-Tectonics (New York, NY)
2. Project: Seminar II, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA
   Firm: Mahlum Architects (Seattle, WA)
3. Project: HOK Toronto Studio
   Firm: HOK (Toronto, Ontario) (IIDA Member)
4. Project: Lettus: Café Organic, San Francisco, CA
   Firm: CCS Architecture (San Francisco, CA)
5. Project: Bank of America, Charlotte, NC
   Firm: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (New York, NY) (IIDA Member)
6. Project: Interface Americas Showroom & Offices, Atlanta, GA
   Firm: TVS Interiors, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) (IIDA Member)

Judges for the distinguished competition included Jeff Barber, AIA, LEED AP, Gensler; Neil Frankel, FIIA, FAIA, Frankel + Coleman Architects and the University of WI – Milwaukee; and Eva Maddox, FIIA, Perkins + Will/Eva Maddox Branded Environments. Susan Szenasy, Editor in Chief, Metropolis and Ken Wilson, IIDA, AIA, LEED AP, IIDA Sustainability Forum Advisor, Envision Design, served as moderators for the judging which took place May 24, 2006 in Chicago.
“The winners represent a wide range of project types. Though very different, they exhibit the common belief that sustainable design can be beautiful design,” stated Ken Wilson. “There is increasingly a great diversity within sustainable projects, indicating a clear increase in public interest.”

A winner reception will be held at the Knoll Showroom in the Chicago Merchandise Mart on Tuesday evening, June 13th, 2006.

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The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) works to enhance quality of life through excellence in interior design and to advance interior design through knowledge, value and community.

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