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IIDA’S INAUGURAL SMART ENVIRONMENTS AWARDS

February 9, 2006, Chicago, IL – The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is pleased to announce that entries are now being accepted for its first annual Smart Environments Awards, co-sponsored by publishing partner Metropolis Magazine. 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.

The competition is open to all interior designers and architects internationally. Entrants will be required to provide a floor plan, project images, and written description of the project and its sustainability strategies.

Entries will be judged by an expert panel of design professions including: Jeff Barber, AIA, LEED AP, Gensler; Neil Frankel, FIIDA, FAIA, Frankel+Coleman; Eva Maddox, FIIDA, Perkins + Will/ Eva Maddox Branded Environments; and moderators Ken Wilson, IIDA, AIA, LEED AP, Envision Design and Susan Szenasy, Editor in Chief, Metropolis Magazine. Winning projects will be published as case studies on metropolismag.com and considered for publishing in an upcoming issue of the magazine. Winners will also be lauded at a reception during NeoCon 2006 and promoted in case studies during educational presentations throughout the upcoming year.

“This competition is an important step in IIDA’s leadership in sustainable design practices,” stated Ken Wilson, IIDA, AIA, LEED AP, Envision Design and IIDA’s Sustainability Forum Advisor. “The awards will recognize those designers truly creating environments in tune with twenty-first century needs and requirements.”

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Further information about the IIDA 2006 Smart Environments Awards can be found at www.iida.org. To request an entry kit, please contact Heather Jakusz at hjakusz@iida.org or 888.799.4432. Submissions must be received by Friday, April 21, 2006.

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