CONGRATULATIONS TO IIDA MEMBERS HONORED AT THE 26TH ANNUAL INTERIORS AWARDS PRESENTED BY CONTRACT MAGAZINE

February 9, 2005, Chicago, IL – The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) congratulates Ken Wilson, IIDA, AIA, LEED AP, principal of Envision Design and IIDA’s Sustainability Forum Advisor who was named Designer of the Year at the 26th Annual Interiors Breakfast.

Shashi Caan, IIDA The Shashi Caan Collective, Vice President of Professional Development on IIDA’s International Board of Directors and the 2004 Designer of the Year, handed over the title at the breakfast held January 28 in New York. Ken became the 33rd designer to accept the honor since the award’s inception in 1980. He joins a distinguished group of IIDA Members who have served as designers of the year. Past winners have included: Gary Lee, Associate IIDA (1992); Juliette Lam, IIDA (1993); Lauren Rottet, IIDA (1994); Stanford Hughes, IIDA (1996); Neville Lewis, FIIDA (1997); and Shashi Caan, IIDA (2004).

“In his life, as in his design practice, [Ken] sets an intelligent, attainable, and comfortable example of sustainability for others to follow,” stated Jennifer Busch, editor in chief of Contract Magazine. “Designer of the Year qualities, to be sure.”

In addition to spotlighting a designer of the year, Contract also honored Neil Frankel, FIIDA, FAIA, Frankel + Coleman and IIDA past president with their Legend Award. The award is intended to recognize the stellar and influential career of its recipients, and Neil’s contributions to the profession and passion for the future of design make him an ideal recipient.

Further information about the honorees and design award winners can be found in the January 2005 issue of Contract Magazine or at www.contractmagazine.com.

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