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And the Awards Go To . . .

Hardin Construction projects showered with accolades for 2008

ATLANTA (November 3, 2008) — On many occasions, from multiple sources and at myriad locations, Hardin Construction Company projects have glistened with awards of excellence during 2008.

Four Hardin projects received top honors in Southeast Construction magazine's Best of 2008 construction and design competition. Hardin also captured an Associated Builders and Contractors Eagle Award, a Development of Excellence Award from the Urban Land Institute Atlanta, and a Building Team Award from Building Design and Construction magazine.

"These distinctive awards are a tribute not only to the men and women of Hardin Construction Company," said Hardin President Bill Pinto, "but also to the projects' owners, contractors and subcontractors whose dedication and collaborative efforts were essential to each project's success. Hardin happily shares these honors with them."

Southeast Construction, which annually recognizes construction and design excellence for projects in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, picked four Hardin projects for its “Best Of” award:

In the **Best Mixed-Used** category, the publication cited **3344 Peachtree** in Atlanta, a vertical mixed-use building with a spiraling architectural style that, at 635 feet, was the tallest building constructed in Atlanta in nearly 15 years.

For **Best Multifamily**, the award went to **Grand Central at Kennedy**, a high-rise condominium community in the Channelside District of Tampa, FL.

In the category of **Best Cultural**, the winner was **Aycock Auditorium at University of North Carolina-Greensboro** a joint venture of Hardin Construction and Rodgers Builders.

In the **Best Retail Project** category, the magazine cited **Winter Garden Village at Fowler Groves** in Winter Garden, FL.

The 35 winning projects of Southeast Construction’s 2008 competition—including Award of Excellence and Award of Merit winners—will be featured in the magazine’s December 2008 issue and honored at an awards luncheon. Hardin’s 3344 Peachtree project is also in contention for the Judges’ Award for best overall project. Several projects will be entered into the National Best of 2008 competition, the magazine said.

ULI, BD&C, and ABC Awards

The Urban Land Institute Atlanta selected the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre for its Development of Excellence award and as its Project of the Year for 2008. Cobb Energy Centre was the first major performance venue built in Atlanta in four decades. ULI Atlanta evaluated projects on criteria that included use of land, sustainability, creativity in organization/management, smart growth, innovation in design and architecture, and having overcome obstacles in development.

The Cobb Energy Centre project also was a Gold Award winner in Building Design & Construction magazine's 2008 Building Team Awards.

In Texas, the Houston Premium Outlets, a 475,000-square-foot open-air retail center, was awarded an Eagle Award of Excellence from the Central Texas chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC). Each year the chapter recognizes with Merit and Eagle awards those construction projects that exemplify quality workmanship, safety and dedication to finishing work on time and on budget.

About Hardin Construction Company

Founded in 1946, Hardin Construction Company is a leading general contractor and construction manager in the United States and has consistently been in the forefront of its industry. With offices in Atlanta, GA, Tampa, FL, Orlando, FL, Raleigh, NC, and Austin, TX, Hardin Construction provides comprehensive construction services including general construction, construction management, design-build, renovation, and FF&E management. A privately held company, Hardin Construction provides services in markets such as retail, hospitality, residential, office, education, healthcare and public assembly. For more information, visit www.hardinconstruction.com.

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