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BETTERBRICKS AWARDS NOW OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS

A call for champions of high performance buildings in Oregon and Southwest Washington

Portland, Ore.—BetterBricks is calling for nominations of professionals who are taking significant strides in reducing the energy consumption and carbon footprint of Northwest commercial buildings. Commercial buildings are responsible for nearly half of all energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in the United States. The sixth annual Oregon and Southwest Washington BetterBricks Awards will be held in Portland on October 10, 2008 and is sponsored by the Energy Trust of Oregon.

Energy efficiency has the power to help us combat climate change, in addition to reducing energy costs. The BetterBricks Awards salute individuals leading the way for high performance commercial buildings with an emphasis on energy efficiency. The Awards recognize standout professionals in six specific categories including: Owner/Decision Maker, Architect, Engineer, Building Operator/Service Provider, Advocate and Emerging Leader. The annual BetterBricks Awards celebrate the people behind the best commercial projects in the Northwest. The result: a greater number of buildings that offer improved energy efficiency, bottom line benefits and a reduced carbon footprint.

Visit www.BetterBricks.com/Awards for an online nomination. The deadline for all nominations is September 5, 2008. For questions or further assistance contact Therese Lang, therese@coateskokes.com or at 503.241.1124.

Detailed listings of the six categories in Oregon and Southwest Washington are as follows:

- **OWNER/DECISION MAKER:** Those who make decisions about strategic direction regarding investments in high performance buildings. These executives, developers, owners and managers support, authorize and generally enable high performance buildings to be built and operated.

- **ARCHITECT:** Those who design buildings and lead the design team on projects that consistently achieve high levels of energy efficiency in both new construction and major renovations.
- **ENGINEER:** Those who have contributed significant solutions to the energy efficient design of mechanical and/or electrical systems for new buildings and major renovations.
- **FACILITY MANAGER/OPERATOR/SERVICE PROVIDER:** Open to a team or an individual who operates, manages and provides ongoing services to existing buildings, including facility directors, managers and operators, mechanical contractors, control companies, equipment manufacturers and commissioning agents.
- **ADVOCATE:** Those who advocate for and support the design and operation of high performance buildings including consultants, government, non-profit, educators and others.
- **EMERGING LEADER:** Those who show promise of leadership in the area of green, high performance buildings with a special emphasis on energy efficiency and integrated design concepts. This can be for work on new or existing buildings.

Last year's winners for the 2007 Oregon/Southwest Washington BetterBricks Awards:

- **OWNER/DECISION MAKER:** Kevin Cavanaugh; Owner/Manager, Cavanaugh & Cavanaugh, LLC
- **BUILDING OPERATOR/SERVICE PROVIDER:** Terry Taylor; Director of Facilities, Gresham-Barlow School District
- **ADVOCATE:** Bill Nesmith; Assistant Director for Conservation, Oregon Department of Energy
- **DESIGNER:** Clark Brockman; Associate Principal/Studio Leader, SERA Architects
- **EMERGING LEADER:** Scott Steele; President/Founder, Steele Associates Architects, LLC

BetterBricks is the commercial building initiative of the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, which is supported by local electric utilities. BetterBricks advocates for changes to energy-related business practices in the Northwest. In this era of heightened appreciation for the impact climate change is having on our environment and our economy, energy efficiency is a crucial component in addressing global warming. On www.BetterBricks.com, find information, tools, training and resources to help buildings make a difference to the bottom line and the environment.

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