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## DU and DMCAR honor commercial real estate projects; **RiverClay earns top Project of the Year honor**

Nov. 7, 2008 - DENVER - The University of Denver Franklin L. Burns School of Real Estate and Construction Management, in partnership with the Denver Metro Commercial Association of REALTORS® (DMCAR), honored companies in seven categories, as well as one top Project of the Year award at the 14th Annual Rocky Mountain Commercial Real Estate Expo and Fall Forecast.

The awards recognize and honor outstanding accomplishments in architectural design, site planning, creativity, as well as project impact on the economy, the industry and the community.

Project of the Year honors were awarded to companies in industrial, residential, retail, special project, design, mixed use and office categories.

**RiverClay Condominiums earned the top Residential and Residential/Mixed-Use award. Located in the Historic Jefferson Park neighborhood just north of Invesco Field, RiverClay is the first LEED certified multi-family building in Colorado. It is also the region's first mixed-use LEED-certified project. Development, marketing and construction were managed by Zocalo Development.**

Additional honorees included:

- **Industrial Project of the Year:** Mountain West Business Park, Mountain West Industrial Properties. An eight-building complex located near I-70 and I-225 featuring 300,000 square feet of Class A industrial space. Designed by Ware Malcomb and built by DCB Construction.
- **Residential Project of the Year:** RiverClay Condominiums. Located in the Historic Jefferson Park neighborhood just north of Invesco Field, RiverClay is the first LEED certified multi-family building in Colorado with mixed use. Development and construction were managed by Zocalo Development.
- **Office Project of the Year:** The Palazzo Verdi Office Building in Greenwood Village, Colo. earned the top office project, as well as the overall Project of the Year honor for 2008. Designed by Fentress Architects and developed by the John Madden Company and Kiewit Building Group, Palazzo Verdi is a 422,000 square-foot, \$55.8 million Class A structure.

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- **Retail Project of the Year:** Forest City's Orchard Town Center Westminster, Colo. A one-million square foot retail center at I-25 and 144<sup>th</sup> Ave. with a design inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright's prairie style. The Roche Constructors project features natural materials with an emphasis on glass and metal facades and large overhangs.
- **Special Project of the Year:** Brighton Learning and Resource Campus. The adaptive-reuse project reflects the cooperation of government, educational and not-for-profit agencies with strong leadership from the City of Brighton and Community Reach Center Foundation. The 7.6-acre campus offers numerous benefits to the community including an expanded Front Range Community College Campus; relocation of the Adams County Head Start program; expansion of local pre-school programs and expansion of the community's mental health counseling programs. Burkett Design served as project architect with general contractor Pinkard Construction.
- **Design of the Year:** The Sugar Cube Building at 1555 Blake Street in the historic Lower Downtown District. Designed by Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg of Toronto, the building features a heavy use of architectural features to blend in with the surrounding buildings and neighborhood. With 37 residences ranging from 850 to 2200 square feet and 32 floor plans, amenities include 10-foot ceilings, floor to ceiling windows, balconies and terraces. The property also features a rooftop solar farm. Sugar Cube was developed by Urban Villages and built by J.E. Dunn Construction.
- **Mixed Use Project of the Year:** Lincoln Station Town Center. Located adjacent to the Lincoln Ave. Light Rail Station in Southeast Denver, developers Bradbury Properties and Westfield Development describe the 54-acre mixed-use development as Denver's first GoBurb – a combination of suburban comforts and urban design and convenience. With housing, office, commercial and retail space, the development combines pedestrian and auto approaches through a village main street feel and includes a parking garage developed in cooperation with RTD to meet transit and light rail station needs.

### **About The Burns School**

*The Franklin L. Burns School of Real Estate and Construction Management at the University of Denver offers undergraduate, graduate, and executive master's degrees as well as a certificate program. Housed in the Daniels College of Business, University of Denver it is structured to reflect the way that real estate and construction management work—as twin functions within the larger context of business. Alumni report that the integrated model is more useful in the real world. At Burns, students receive an education that reflects the reality of the profession in a world where every decision is multidimensional.*

### **About DMCAR**

*Founded in 1994, the Denver Metropolitan Commercial Association of REALTORS represents approximately 1,800 commercial REALTORS in the Denver metropolitan area. The term REALTOR is a registered collective membership mark that identifies a real estate professional who is a member of the National Association of REALTORS and subscribes to its strict code of ethics.*

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