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**OHIO ARCHITECTS, BUILDERS OWNERS, DEVELOPERS
HONORED WITH THE GOLDEN TROWEL**

Fairlawn, Ohio(June 28, 2007) The best of what can be accomplished when designers, contractors, craftworkers and owners work together was honored at the International Masonry Institute's Ohio Area Golden Trowel Awards program, June 28, 2007, at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn in Fairlawn.

Ten projects located throughout the State of Ohio were honored for excellence in masonry design and construction. One of those projects, the Ohio University Baker Center, Tile/Marble/Terrazzo Flooring, received the Grand Award. [For a complete listing of all winning projects please see next page]

The awards recognize all those who contribute to a project's success: architects, engineers, owners, general contractors, masonry contractors, craftworkers and suppliers. Craftworkers are represented by local officials of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers (BAC).

The International Masonry Institute Golden Trowel Awards represent the essence of Team IMI – union craftworkers, contractors and consultants working to bridge the gap between all parties involved in creating high level masonry projects. "The Golden Trowel Award symbolizes the heights we can reach when designers work with Team IMI to create the best in masonry construction," says IMI President Joan Calambokidis.

Awards are presented for design in various building markets and in all of the trowel trades including brick and block, restoration, tile, marble and terrazzo, mosaic work, landscape and more. Projects are judged by juries of noted architects, contractors and craftworkers. This year's jury included:

- ◆ Mr. Michael Bednarczuk, Director, Southern Ohio Administrative District Council of BAC
- ◆ Mr. Peter Crusse, Senior Vice President, Smoot Construction Co.
- ◆ Mr. Dennis Hacker, AIA Fanning Howey Associates, Inc.
- ◆ Mr. Mr. Gregory Lonergan, AIA, Steed/Hammond/Paul Architects

2007 Ohio Golden Trowel Award Winners

Grand Award

Ohio University Baker Center, Interior Tile/Marble/Terrazzo

Project Team:

Ohio University
WTW Architects
Moody Nolan, Inc.
Smoot Construction
The Ardit Company
BAC Local 52 Ohio

Best in Category – Institutional Projects

Walsh University Chapel

Project Team:

Walsh University
Peninsula Architects
Thorson Baker & Associates
Fred Olivieri Construction Co.
GMR Builders, Inc.
BAC Local 6 Ohio

Best in Category – Educational K-12

Hawken Middle School

Project Team:

Hawken Middle School
Studio Techne Architects
The Albert M. Higley Company
F.B. & S. Masonry Inc.
BAC Local 5 Ohio

Best in Category – Restoration/Preservation Projects

Moreland Court Condominiums

Project Team:

Moreland Court Condominium Association
Technical Assurance
M.A. Building & Maintenance
BAC Local 5 Ohio

Best in Category – Commercial/Industrial Projects

Crocker Park

Project Team:

Stark Enterprises
Bialosky + Partners
Thorson Baker & Associates
The Whiting Turner Company
Zavarella Brothers Construction Co.
BAC Local 5 Ohio

Best in Category – Residential Projects
St. Mary of the Wood Retirement Community

Project Team:

St. Mary of the Woods
A.G. Architecture, Inc.
Panzica Construction Co.
VIP Restoration
BAC Local 5 Ohio

Best in Category – Tile/Marble/Terrazzo (Exterior) Projects
Medina Library

Project Team:

Medina County Library Administration
David Milling Architects
The Ruhlin Company
Marble Restoration, Inc.
BAC Local 36 Ohio

Best in Category – Interior Brick/Block/Stone Projects
Ohio University – Baker Center

Project Team:

Ohio University
WTW Architects
Smoot Construction
BAC Local 52 Ohio

Best in Category – Landscape Projects
University of Cincinnati – Open Space

Project Team:

University of Cincinnati
Hargraves Associates
Glaserworks
Turner Construction
Danis Building Construction
Progressive Stone Specialists
BAC Local 18 Ohio

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