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## **Reward Wall Projects Win International Awards from ICF Builder Magazine**

*Five projects are recognized for size, complexity, energy efficiency, sustainability and design.*

Omaha, Neb, --March 6, 2006 -- Reward Wall Systems received five awards in the 2006 ICF Builder competition sponsored by ICF Builder magazine. According to the magazine, “the awards are designed to showcase ‘milestone projects’ – projects that set new standards for the industry through their size, complexity and architecture...”

Reward won runner-up awards in the Light Commercial category for its East Bay Suites “condotel” in East Marias, Minn. Built by Sterns Associates and designed by architects Pope Associates, the general contractor was Morcom Construction and the ICF installer was S and C Masonry. The project is the restoration of a historic resort on Lake Michigan.

Two Minnesota residences won runner-up awards in the Custom Home category. They were the Gornick residence in Eagan and the Anderson home in Greenwood. The lakefront homes both feature many large windows and take advantage of the energy efficiency of ICF construction. Vogue Homes is the architect and general contractor for both. Vogue Homes has built exclusively with Reward Wall Systems for seven years, saying the ICFs virtually eliminate callbacks for nail pops, cracked stucco, and mold. Using ICFs allows them to build on challenging lots that other builders wouldn’t consider.

The Armed Forces Reserve Center in Pinellas Park, Fla. and the MegaPlex 20 Theaters in South Jordan, Utah won runner up awards in the Heavy Commercial category.

The Reserve center is the first military structure to receive an ICF Builder award. The center consists of a main training building, as well as storage and vehicle maintenance areas. It is the largest military structure of its kind Florida.

Since the terrorist attacks of 2001, the federal government has mandated that all military buildings have built-in force protection, the ability to withstand hurricanes, explosives, and other impacts. ICFs were the most cost-effective way to achieve this. Recent tests at Quantico Marine Base proved that an ICF wall can survive a blast from 50 pounds of TNT placed as close as 6 feet from the wall. As an additional benefit, ICFs are extremely energy efficiency and a popular “green building” material.

The MegaPlex 20 Theaters used a record number of ICF forms to build the 350,000 square feet of walls. The large wall surfaces—hundreds of feet long and more than 50 feet tall in places—needed to be straight and strong, soundproof and energy efficient.

In addition, the project needed to be complete in 13 months, a schedule made possible by the built-in furring and insulation provided by Reward Wall ICFs. IMS Masonry had the walls up in just five months. General contractor for the project was Sahara Constructions. FFKR was the contractor and the developer is Terry H. Miller Theaters.

The ICF Builder Awards are given annually to projects that demonstrate outstanding innovation, quality, and craftsmanship in ICF construction. Photographs and profiles of all the winning projects can be viewed on the ICF Builder Awards website, [www.builderawards.com](http://www.builderawards.com).

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