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Reward Wall Systems Receives Honorable Mention in NAHB Competition

*Reward ICFs provide energy efficiency while maintaining the historic
tradition of East Bay Suites resort.*

Omaha, Neb – (November 9, 2006) -- The National Commercial Builders Council (NCBC) of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) has announced East Bay Suites in Grand Marais, Minn., built using Reward Wall Systems, of Omaha, Neb., has achieved an Honorable Mention in the 2007 Awards of Excellence competition.

According to NCBC, East Bay Suites were originally built in 1909 on Lake Superior and renovated in 2006 using “great care to embrace the history of the property while improving upon the quality of the amenities it offered guests.”

Using the footprint of the original building, placing the new entrance in the same location as the original building’s and replicating the previous design with the new construction, the General Contractor, Morcom Construction of Minneapolis was able to meet the requirements of the developer, Sterns Associates of St. Paul, Minn. for historic authenticity.

The 28,000 square-foot, three-story ‘condotel’ contains 31 suites, a lake view restaurant with a fireplace-heated patio, large community room and a “Hall of Memories” created to display art and photographs of East Bay’s history.

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The use of Reward ICFs, distributed by Cemstone Contractor Supply of Mendota, Minn., means the building can stand up to the extreme elements of Lake Superior. The once poorly insulated building with weak windows and high air infiltration is now quiet, strong and energy efficient. So efficient, in fact, that no air conditioning system was necessary. The newly constructed south section contains in-floor radiant heat and the north section has electric fireplaces in each unit.

The Awards of Excellence program recognizes achievements in the national commercial building industry for design (remodeling and new construction), market appeal, energy efficiency, challenges faced during building, and overall success of the project. The winning projects will be displayed at the NCBC headquarters during the 2007 International Builders' Show in Orlando, FL.

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Located in Omaha, Nebraska for the past 18 years, Reward Wall Systems, Inc. is the leading manufacturer and distributor of insulating concrete forms used in residential and commercial structures. Reward's customers include developers, architects, general contractors, residential contractors, and construction supply distributors. To learn more about Reward Wall Systems, Inc. go to www.rewardwalls.com.
