



# News Release

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## **Constructors and Designers Alliance (CDA) Presents Award to Governor**

**(DENVER, Oct. 19, 2007)**—On behalf of its 22 member organizations, the Constructors and Designers Alliance (CDA) presented an award of recognition to Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter during a presentation on Oct. 18 at the Governor’s Energy Office.

Ritter was selected in recognition of the many achievements toward a more energy-efficient and sustainable State of Colorado.

“CDA is impressed by the governor’s attention to sustainability and what it means for the future of Colorado,” said Tim Van Stelle, 2007-08 chairperson-elect of CDA. “We appreciate the governor’s recognition that buildings play a significant role in energy consumption and, therefore, have an opportunity to play a major role in energy savings.”

In less than one year, Ritter has made tremendous gains on behalf of energy efficiency through the adoption of a statewide energy codes, the efforts of the Governor’s Energy Office in high-performance buildings and renewable energy resources, and the creation of sustainability standards for the maintenance and construction of state facilities. Tom Plant, director of the Governor’s Energy Office, accepted the award on behalf of Ritter.

“Colorado’s success in providing greener, more efficient buildings that reduce energy costs and consumption is gaining recognition on a national scale,” said Plant. “This award is a shared success between state government, Governor Ritter and the Construction and Designers Alliance, which are responsible for moving the building and efficiency market to a higher level and helping the state to be a better steward of our resources, while providing excellent jobs and workplaces.”

### **About CDA**

The mission of CDA is to work cooperatively to promote a positive image of the construction and design industries to the public; to work with public officials at all levels to develop and support sound laws, regulations and practices affecting the construction and design industries; to conduct jointly sponsored educational classes, social events, or other activities to promote better relations between the member organizations of CDA and the firms who are members of each CDA member organization; and to coordinate the activities of its respective member organizations to avoid as much as possible the scheduling of conflicting events and activities. The CDA is currently made up of 22 industry-wide trade associations.

### **Members of CDA**

Associated Builders & Contractors, Rocky Mountain Chapter • American Council of Engineering Companies • Associated General Contractors of Colorado • The American Institute of Architects, Colorado Component • The American Institute of Architects, Denver Chapter • Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado • American Subcontractors Association • American Society of Professional Estimators • AWCI – Association of the Wall & Ceiling Industries • Colorado Contractors Association • Construction Financial Management Association • Colorado Fire Protection Association • Construction Management Association of America • Design Build Institute of America • Hispanic Contractors of Colorado • Independent Electrical Contractors • Colorado Association of Plumbing, Heating & Cooling • National Electrical Contractors Association • Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute • Society of Fire Protection Engineers, Rocky Mountain Chapter • Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors National Association • Society for Marketing Professional Services

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**Editor’s Note:** To receive a photo from the aforementioned awards presentation, please contact Heidi Gordon at heidi@aiacolorado.org or 303.446.2266, ext. 15.