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Shaw Contract Group Announces Judges for 2008 Design Is... Award

Industry experts to evaluate projects for leading design competition

DALTON, Ga. – January 8, 2008 – Five leading designers comprise the judging panel for the 2008 Shaw Contract Group Design Is... Award, a program that recognizes inspirational and visionary design. Design Is... judges are leaders within the design community and offer their expertise to evaluate the best commercial interiors projects from the last two years. The 2008 Design Is... judges are:

- **Kelly Bauer, IIDA** - principal of Richärd + Bauer, LLC, a studio-based, integrated architectural and interiors practice that focuses on higher education, research, and public and academic library design. She was named “2007 Designer of the Year” by *Contract* magazine.
- **Dan Lee, AAHID, AIA, ASID, IIDA** - principal of Dan Lee Associates, an architecture and design firm that provides design, development and construction services for the healthcare industry. He is the current president of the AAHID Board of Regents.
- **Pam Light, FIIDA, LEED® AP** - senior vice president with HOK, specializing in space planning and design, strategic planning and programming, and sustainable design. Pam served as the international president of IIDA for the 2006-07 programming year.
- **John Lijewski, FIIDA, LEED® AP** - senior vice president / interior design executive with Bank of America Corporate Workplace. He provides design leadership for the Bank’s investment properties, including the state-of-the-art Bank of America Tower at One Bryant Park in New York City. John served as the IIDA president from 2004-05.
- **Jack Weber, IIDA, NCIDQ** – owner and principal with Gresham, Smith and Partners. He is a principal in the corporate and urban design group and specializes in corporate headquarters, professional offices, administrative office space and educational facilities.

“Our judges, while diverse in their individual specialties, are united by their passion for design and the solutions that design presents,” said John Stephens, vice president of marketing for Shaw Contract Group. “The Design Is... Award program is distinctive in that our judges collectively shape the direction of the evaluation process, providing a fresh and new program each year. I am honored to have this group of leaders in the design community participate on the panel and am looking forward to seeing how they define design excellence, reviewing and recognizing the best projects from around the world.”

Now in its third year, the Design Is... Award seeks entrants to explain their definition of design. Entries are asked to describe the challenges, processes and results from their projects. Because carpet is only a part of the project, the overall design of the space is considered. All design projects completed between February 2006 and February 2008 are eligible. Entry information is available at www.shawcontractgroup.com. **Project entries must be received by February 29, 2008.**

About Shaw Contract Group

Shaw Contract Group defines design not only by great appearance, but also performance and sustainability. The result is long-lasting carpet with vibrant colors, distinctive patterns, and minimal environmental impact. As a division of Shaw Industries, Shaw Contract Group combines the expertise of the world's largest carpet manufacturer with the financial stability of a Berkshire Hathaway subsidiary. For more information, visit www.shawcontractgroup.com.

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