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LOCAL FIRM WINS NATIONAL AWARD
American Institute of Architects Continuing Education Award for Excellence

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Marshall Craft Associates, Inc. (MCA) has received the national Award for Excellence in Professional Continuing Education from the American Institute of Architects (AIA). AIA established the annual award nine years ago to recognize firms' commitment to developing a high-quality system for providing continuing education to architects and engineers. The jury panel noted that MCA's 15-year-old Education and Training Program "is a very impressive program [with a] remarkable level of commitment."

In order to win this award, MCA demonstrated excellence in six key areas: commitment and support, planning and analysis, design and implementation, resources and records, evaluation and improvement, and continuing education services through community outreach. MCA president Linton S. "Buck" Marshall, III stated "Marshall Craft Associates is honored to receive the AIA/CES Award for Excellence. We appreciate and value the recognition by the AIA for our commitment to employee education. MCA's E&T program has improved the overall quality of services to our clients and our ability to recruit and retain professional staff."

As recipients of this Award for Excellence, MCA will participate as faculty in the AIA's 2007 "Adaptive Strategies for Powerful Professional Development" symposium in Tucson, Arizona. The advanced-level seminar is designed to provide practical approaches for the improvement of existing continuing education programs.

Although the AIA offers national continuing education Awards for Excellence in seven different categories, they elected to make only two awards this year. MCA is the third firm ever to be awarded in the fewer than 100 employees category.
MCA is a Baltimore-based architectural, planning, and interior design firm with a diverse practice that includes special expertise in healthcare, academic, industrial, corporate, and institutional facilities. MCA is one of the largest architectural firms headquartered in Maryland and is a Modern Healthcare Top 100 Design Firm. www.marshallcraft.com

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