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AWARDS

The 2005 BetterBricks Awards, which honors the leaders behind the best High Performance Building projects in the Northwest, returned to Idaho for their second year. The award ceremony was held at the Integrated Design Lab in Boise and featured keynote speaker Christine Ervin, former President of the US Green Building Council. The categories of this year's awards changed slightly to better reflect the importance of the entire building life-cycle to high performance. This year the Awards recognized architects, engineers, developers, facility managers, service providers and other building professionals for their support, use and design of sustainable, high performance, commercial buildings in the Boise market. High performance buildings include substantial energy savings, reduced building operation and maintenance costs, enhanced productivity of building occupants, consideration of climate, employing early design decision-making or supporting building commissioning.

2005 BetterBricks: BetterBricks Awards - Idaho

Architect - Bruce Poe

Bruce Poe has made it a goal to help private citizens, business leaders and government officials better understand sustainable, high performance design. He knows that too often, people focus on upfront costs and neglect the long-term payback of many sustainable design features, including improved occupancy rates, reduced absenteeism, reduced operations and maintenance costs and energy savings. Bruce is currently working with Boise Mayor Dave Bieter and the Boise City Council on adopting a sustainable building policy for all city buildings and facilities.

Architect Finalist - David Gibney

David Gibney has served as a champion for sustainable, high performance design on eight projects for HDR, including nanotechnology and crime laboratories, hospitals, prisons and office buildings.

Developer - Gary Christensen

Gary Christensen is a developer who's truly a pioneer – he's figured out how to make money and build green at the same time. His high standards – for design, for materials and for building performance – are well-known among his colleagues. Gary thinks long and hard about how his buildings will perform and what their effect will be on the environment, while at the same time remembering to take care of the bottom line.

Developer Finalist - Erik Oaas & Steven Laney

Erik Oaas and Steven Laney recognize that it takes a team to design, build and develop sustainable, high performance buildings. Because of this, they've worked hard to make sure that their staff is trained to keep a focus on sustainable design as part of their job.

Engineer - Ken Tewksbury

Ken has been pursuing energy efficiency in design for many years, and he is continuously learning new strategies and systems to make buildings more efficient. He seeks to lead owners and designers toward more efficient design.

Engineer Finalist - Jon Van Stone

Jon is an electrical engineer who is dedicated to providing his clients with superior system designs that are economically viable while incorporating the most leading-edge of energysaving technologies.



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Professional Services - Sherry McKibben and Dave Logan

Dave has been an early champion of high performance building and operations, having made energy efficiency a top priority for Ada County in 1999, when he helped develop a five-year action plan that called for incorporating energy efficiency wherever possible into all county buildings. He was also instrumental in drafting a resolution that incorporated sustainable practices into all county building projects.

Sherry McKibben seems to be involved in every aspect of Idaho's sustainable, high performance design and construction industry. In 1998, Sherry began the Idaho Urban Research and Design Center at the University of Idaho, with the goal of educating students, professionals and the community on the value of sustainable design and smart growth.

In 2004, Sherry was integral in the creating more sustainable, high performance design is to either find interested, passionate clients like Dave Logan at Ada County and Gary Christensen at the Christensen Corp., or to convince new clients about the benefits. Both are hard to do at first. Leaders like Logan and Christensen are affecting many other organizations by showing successes.

Service Provider - Richard Ames

Rick has personally had more impact on sustainable school design than any other Idaho building operator. Faced with low budgets and sometimes unconvincing peers, he has turned ordinary projects into outstanding examples of sustainable design.