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Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute Announces Design Awards “Call for Entries”

SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS, April 5, 2007 – The Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) announces a call for entries for their biennial, 2008 CRSI Design Awards program. For more than 35 years, the CRSI Design Awards program has honored excellence in site-cast and conventionally reinforced concrete structures and acknowledged their designers. The CRSI Design Awards program is open to architects, engineers and contractors—entrants may be individuals or teams. Eligible structures must be located in the United States, Canada or Mexico.

Projects must have been completed between January 1, 2004 and September 30, 2007. The fee for entering the Design Awards program is \$175 per submittal. All entries must be received at CRSI by November 1, 2007. Entries will be evaluated on aesthetics, innovation, engineering achievement, functional excellence and economy of construction. The CRSI-selected jury, comprised of architects and engineers, reserves the right to award multiple prizes in a single category. Entries will be judged in the following categories: 1) Residential Buildings, 2) Commercial Buildings, 3) Educational and Healthcare Facilities, 4) Public Buildings, 5) Cultural and Entertainment Facilities, 6) Transportation Facilities, and 7) Bridges.

CRSI has been the recognized authority for steel reinforcement in concrete design and construction by publishing industry standards and promoting the proper use of reinforcing steel in structures. According to Bob Risser, PE, CRSI President, “The inherently flexible properties of reinforced concrete enables professionals to express their

unique vision in building and bridge projects. The CRSI Design Awards program recognizes designers for their creativity in using this great material.”

For a complete description of the CRSI Design Awards program and full contest rules, visit the CRSI website - www.crsi.org/awards.html. All entries must be received November 1, 2007 by the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute, Design Awards program, 933 N. Plum Grove Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173. For more information on the Design Awards program, contact Andrea Howard, Marketing Communications Manager, at 847-517-1200 x45 or ahoward@crsi.org.

About the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute

Founded in 1924, the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) is a trade association that stands as the authoritative resource for information related to steel reinforced concrete construction. Serving the needs of architects, engineers and construction professionals, CRSI offers many technical publications, design aids, software programs, educational seminars, promotional activities, membership functions and design award programs. CRSI members are manufacturers, fabricators and placers of steel reinforcing bar and related products, and professionals who are involved in the research, design and construction of reinforced concrete. Serving the construction market in the United States, Canada and Mexico, CRSI is headquartered in Schaumburg, Illinois with regional offices located across the United States.