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AUSONIO INC. DEEPENS COMMITMENT TO GREEN BUILDING WITH AIA SPONSORSHIPS

Firm Sponsors "Excellence in Sustainable Design Awards" to Further Education on Green Building

CASTROVILLE, Calif. – December 18, 2007 – Ausonio Incorporated, the tri-county's green building expert, continues its commitment to a healthier community through a three-year Titanium sponsorship of the Monterey Bay chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIAMB) and a charter sponsor of the organization's first-ever "Excellence in Sustainable Design Awards." By partnering with AIAMB, Ausonio Incorporated aims to boost awareness and increase educational opportunities about designing and building healthier buildings, reducing carbon emissions, conserving resources, and improving the overall quality of the environment.

The "Excellence in Sustainable Design Awards" promotes achievement in sustainable building design. On December 12, 2007, three "Excellence in Sustainable Design Awards" were awarded to Osborne Architects for the Taiji Residence, HGHB for the York School Science Building, and Carver & Schicketanz for the Treadwell Residence. All architectural projects submitted had to have been constructed in the last 10 years and the applicants had to be AIAMB members.

"We are thrilled to be the Charter sponsor of the AIA Monterey Bay's "Excellence in Sustainable Design Awards," said Andrew Ausonio, president of Ausonio Incorporated. "Rewarding the dedication, ability, and ultimate success of sustainable design reinforces the importance of incorporating green initiatives into our built environment."

A panel of experts judged the applicants on a variety of building design principals, such as: sustainable design intent and innovation, regional and community design and connectivity transportation, land use and site ecology, bioclimatic design, indoor environment comfort, building and site water cycle, energy use, conservation and savings, and site and building materials and construction.

Examples of sustainable architecture include: use of deep overhangs and other architectural features to manipulate the sun through the warm and cool seasons, clerestories and light-planes to take advantage of natural light and ventilation, solar water heaters and geothermal heating and cooling systems to provide energy efficient indoor comfort, as well as the use of reclaimed and recycled building materials.

The AIAMB chapter represents more than 120 practitioners in the tri-county area focused on improving the quality of life and the building environment within the Monterey Bay area and the Salinas Valley. Visit www.aiamontereybay.org for additional information about AIA Monterey Bay.

With a LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) accredited professional on staff, Ausonio Incorporated is setting the standard for green building in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties. Ausonio Incorporated received the 2007 Associated General Contractors of California *Constructor Award* in the Innovative Use of Materials category for the construction of Chartwell School in Seaside, California. To learn more about Ausonio incorporated and green building, please call (831) 633-3371 or visit www.ausonio.com.

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