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## Nominations Needed for Boise's 2010 Building Excellence Awards

### 2009 Award Winners

#### Better Access for All Citizens

St. John's Cathedral was honored for a ramp and garden project that increased accessibility for parishioners and visitors to the Cathedral basement.

#### Building Sustainability

Idaho Mountain Touring added 8,000 square feet to their building and created a single tenant space out of multiple buildings utilizing green products to reduce energy usage.

Thornton Oliver Keller completed a green upgrade to its tenant space which it uses to show clients green products "in action" and to document real-life energy savings.

Balihoo completed a 9,345 square-foot green tenant improvement project with creative reuse of materials found in the existing space and other reclaimed materials, creating a space that fits the energy of a new start-up company.

#### Building Safety

The Boise Independent School District has retrofitted numerous buildings over the past few years, and invested \$5 million to protect students in the event of an earthquake or fire.

Merchants Moving & Storage was honored for retrofitting an old warehouse with a new sprinkler system, making the building much safer for fire fighters in the event of a fire.

### About the Awards

Idaho Mountain Touring (IMT) is widely recognized for the gear it sells customers to enjoy Boise's recreational opportunities. Recently, however, IMT was honored for a different kind of contribution to Boise's liveability. IMT, along with five other local Boise businesses and organizations, received Building Excellence awards from the City of Boise's Planning and Development Services Department for increasing the quality of Boise's built environment.

The awards program recognizes businesses which recently completed building remodels, upgrades and additions that made buildings in Boise safer, more accessible to all citizens or were environmentally sustainable. According to the City of Boise's Planning and Development Services Director Bruce Chatterton, "these building owners, managers and construction professionals are often the unseen and unsung heroes of building safety. In some cases, they invest thousands of dollars on projects that no one sees, but which make all of us safer and improves the quality of our lives. Businesses like those honored by the Building Excellence awards help make Boise the most livable city in the country."

The City of Boise is now taking nominations for the Building Excellence Awards in three categories:

- Best Life-Safety Upgrade
- Best Accessibility Upgrade
- Best New "Green Building" or Green Building Upgrade

The city will present up to two awards in each category and the winners will be selected by a committee which includes the City of Boise Building Official, City of Boise Fire Marshal, local architects, representatives from Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) and others. The awards will be presented at the May 20th, 2010, BOMA luncheon at the Powerhouse Events Center.

To qualify a project must:

- be located within Boise City limits
- be completed or substantially completed between May 1, 2009, and April 30, 2010

**All nominations must be received by the City of Boise Planning and Development Services Dept by **March 5, 2010.****

### How to Nominate

- Anyone can nominate a project.
- Nomination form available online at: <http://www.cityofboise.org/PDS>
- Submit nomination via e-mail to: [jbolus@cityofboise.org](mailto:jbolus@cityofboise.org)