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Natural Dream Home Wins Best Sustainable Home!

Associates III Interior Design Recognized at ASID's 11th Annual Interior Design Awards

(Denver, CO) May, 2009 – Mountain Living's Natural Dream Home and Associates III Interior Design took home the top prize for the Sustainable Home category at ASID-Colorado Chapter's 11th Annual Interior Design Awards Dinner on May 7, 2009.

Designed to achieve Built Green Colorado and ENERGY STAR certifications for its notable energy efficiency, the Natural Dream Home is also expected to earn LEED for Homes Silver through the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED for Homes pilot program. As the designers and environmental advocates on the project, Associates III Interior Design selected only sustainable sources for fixed finishes and furnishings. Working with a highly integrated team, every item used in the home was closely scrutinized to ensure its environmental soundness.

"We are so fortunate to work with skilled artisans, vendors, manufacturers and showrooms that provide us with the tools and inspiration to create great designs. We are delighted to be the recipient of the Best Sustainable Home award. What a wonderful way to cap off a remarkable project! Way to go, team!" says Kari Foster, owner and principal designer of Associates III.

To learn more about the Natural Dream Home and view past coverage of the Natural Dream Home, please visit Mountain Living's website (www.mountainliving.com).

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Associates III is a passionate, pioneering interior design firm focused on creating interiors that are as healthy, sustainable and life-enhancing as they are beautiful. Transforming spaces for nearly 40 years, Associates III brings experience, environmental sensitivity and synergy to each project by providing impeccable service, integrity in their practices and a holistic team approach. Founding members of the U.S. Green Building Council's Colorado Chapter, Associates III has won multiple design awards, including Best Sustainable Residences in 2004 and 2005 from *ASID Colorado Chapter*, and were featured in *Interiors and Sources* magazines as one of the Best Firms to Work For in 2003 and 2005. In 2008, Associates III earned Joel Polsky Prize from ASID for their innovative resource book, *Sustainable Residential Interiors* (Wiley & Sons, 2007), and was named one of the top 30 interior design firms in the world by Andrew Martin International – for the fifth time in eight years. Leading by example, Associates III sets themselves apart by combining superb designs with a proven commitment to a sustainable design philosophy. www.associates3.com

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