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Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association Announces Excellence in Concrete Awards

AMES, IOWA – The 2005 Excellence in Concrete Awards were announced November 3, 2005, at a special ceremony in Ames, Iowa, hosted by the Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association.

The Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association's Excellence in Concrete Awards recognize outstanding projects from throughout the state. The awards are presented each November at Iowa State University's Better Concrete Conference. Entries were judged on the following criteria: Architectural design, project complexity and uniqueness, engineering challenges, difficulty of construction, workmanship, and use of ready mixed concrete. This year 38 projects were nominated for *Excellence in Concrete Awards* in 13 different categories. The winning entries demonstrate the versatility of concrete as a construction material.

The 2005 Excellence in Concrete Award for Residential Above-Grade Homes was presented to Steve and Kari Tjossem of Decorah, Iowa.

RESIDENTIAL ABOVE-GRADE HOMES

Tjossem ICF Home, Decorah

Ready Mixed Concrete Producer: Greg Dougherty, Ready Mix Plant Manager, Fred Carlson Co., LLC, Decorah

Owner: Steve and Kari Tjossem, Decorah

Designer: Shawn Saltou, Midwest Drafting & Design, Cresco

General Contractor: Dan Meyer, Meyer Builders, Decorah

Concrete Subcontractor: Kevin Quandahl Construction, Decorah

Pictured below from left to right: Greg Dougherty, Dan Meyer, Kari Tjossem, Kevin Quandahl, and Shawn Saltou.

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