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Crawford Project Wins AIA Iowa Design Award

Honor Award Goes to University of Northern Iowa's McLeod Center

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (November 19, 2008) – Crawford Architects announced that the McLeod Center at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) was awarded an Honor Award at the American Institute of Architects, Iowa Chapter (AIA Iowa) 2008 Awards Program.

Jury member David Riz of Karen Timberlake Assoc. in Philadelphia said, “There is a clear definition between the skin and the structure and an enormous amount of day lighting, which you often do not see in sports facilities.”

The UNI desired a first-class arena and recruiting complex that would build support for the basketball, wrestling and volleyball programs, as well as foster campus and community pride. Crawford teamed with HLKB of Des Moines to design the new 6,000 seat multi-purpose arena and 59,000 sq. ft. Human Performance Center. Complex servicing issues had to be solved to make this project a success. The new arena also acts as an exhibition space with service and public connections to the existing UNI-Dome (indoor football stadium).

About Crawford: Crawford Architects is an international architecture and planning firm with offices in Kansas City, Mo. and Sydney, Australia. Crawford specializes in sports facilities, mixed-use commercial developments, convention centers and master planning. Recent projects include work on Qwest Field, the home of the Seattle Seahawks; the Franklin Field Renovation for the University of Pennsylvania; the Purcell Pavilion for the University of Notre Dame; the Virginia Mason Athletic Center in Renton, Wash.; Branson Landing, the \$400 million “live-work-play” development in Missouri; and the McLeod Center Arena for University of Northern Iowa. Visit www.crawfordarch.com for more information.

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