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## **Crawford Takes “Silver” at International Design Competition**

### **Firm Wins \$30,000 Prize**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (November 18, 2008)** – Crawford Architects was the runner-up winner of the international design competition for the master plan of “Velika plaža: A Sustainable Waterfront Community in Montenegro” ([www.velikaplaza.info](http://www.velikaplaza.info)). Along with \$30,000, the Prize includes an exhibition of the entry at MIPIM Horizons, an international real estate conference, in Cannes, France ([www.mipimhorizons.com](http://www.mipimhorizons.com)).

Located in the southern part of Montenegro (formerly part of Yugoslavia), the competition called for a master plan to create an upscale, multifunctional, sustainable resort on the Adriatic seashore. Architects and Planners from around the world answered the Call for Entries issued by The Government of Montenegro’s Ministry for Economic Development. The field was cut to ten, and eventually to five firms. All five firms presented their entries to the jury in London, England.

Judges complimented the Crawford entry, saying that the plan offered an elegant solution focusing on a clear and buildable development plan. The other top three firms included Van den Oever, Zaaier & Partners architecten/Stijlgroep of Holland and PRP Architects of the UK.

Tom Proebstle, AIA, the Design Director at Crawford, commented, “Beyond the tourism aspect to the project, we strove to create a viable plan that would have a positive societal and economic impact on the people who live and work in the region.”

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

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