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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. - September 26 – ORCO Block Co. celebrates the night in winning 6 of 15 awards at the 2008 Concrete Masonry Design Awards Banquet held at The Four Seasons Hotel in Las Vegas in Education Design, Civic Design, and Commercial Design.

This was quite an accomplishment this year for the ORCO Team and part of a continuous success as ORCO took home the most awards for numerous projects in the past.

Architects, Structural Engineers, General Contractors, Masonry Contractors and Block Producers from California and Nevada gathered to acknowledge the talent behind the projects that exemplified distinction in masonry selection, design and construction. The jury consisting of prominent national architects considered projects with superior sustainable design practices, durability, fire resistance, strength, beauty, energy efficiency, flexibility, noise attenuation, earthquake resistance, and economy. ORCO won awards in the following categories:

- **Grand Award in Education Design** - La Jolla Country Day School Library Academic Center. Sharing in this award is Architect: Ferguson Pape Baldwin Architects and Masonry Contractor: New Dimension Masonry, Inc.
- **Grand Award in Public/Civic Design** - Fair Swim Center in San Jose, CA. Sharing in this award is Architect: Banducci Associates Architects, Inc. and Masonry Contractor: Bratton Masonry.
- **Grand Award in Commercial Design** - West Laurel Studios, San Diego, CA. Sharing in this award is Architect: Brett Farrow Architect, Inc. and Masonry Contractor: Camilli's Concrete & Masonry.
- **Merit Award in Public/Civic Design** - East Anaheim Gymnasium, Anaheim, CA. Sharing in this award is Architect: Osborn and Masonry Contractor: Winegardner Masonry, Inc.
- **Merit Award in Sustainable Design** - Marco Antonio Firebaugh High School, Lynwood, CA. Sharing in this award is Architect: LPA, Inc. and Masonry Contractor: Winegardner Masonry, Inc.
- **Merit Award in Commercial Design** - The Pinnacle, San Diego, CA. Sharing in this award is Architect: Davis Davis Architects and Masonry Contractor: Vic Ross Masonry, Inc.

ORCO Block Co. is a leading building material manufacturer of concrete block, segmental retaining walls, interlocking concrete pavers and blended mortar. ORCO has 6 manufacturing plants to service Southern California and has recently added a new paver plant in Riverside. ORCO has captured attention as it produces more than 500 stock items and maintains an ongoing emphasis on product research and development, quality control testing and support of technical studies. In addition to the attributes of structural concrete masonry ORCO agrees they help supply "the canvas for the growing architectural designer's creativity and are proud to honor great achievement in these efforts every year" as the CMACN notes. For further information please explore the ORCO website www.orco.com or call the representative below:

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