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ULI Development of Excellence Awards

2009 Project of the Year

ATLANTA, GA – October 8, 2009 – For a second consecutive year, the Urban Land Institute of Atlanta (ULI) has recognized an Atlanta landmark built by Hardin Construction Company LLC as its Project of the Year.

Sovereign/3344 Peachtree, a mixed-use high-rise, earned 2009 Project of the Year honors from the ULI Atlanta District Council. Two other Hardin projects also captured awards at the Council's Development of Excellence Awards dinner, which annually salutes outstanding developments.

It marked the third year in a row that Hardin-built projects have earned one of ULI Atlanta's Excellence Awards, which recognize responsible land use and success in creating and sustaining thriving communities.

"We are happy for our customers and for the recognition their projects receive as a result of their winning ULI Awards," said Bill Pinto, President of Atlanta-based Hardin.

“Projects don’t achieve honors of this magnitude without a tremendous amount of teamwork, which begins with the project owners and permeates throughout the design and construction team. Hardin is honored to have participated in each of the projects.”

Rising to the Challenge

Increasingly of interest to developers and project owners, sustainable design and construction practices address the ecological, social, health and economic impact of a building within the context of its community.

Sovereign/3344 Peachtree—an iconic, 50-story glass tower without right angles—challenged the construction team to meet a host of expectations—from the owner’s ambitious vision for the project and the building’s complex geometry, to the project’s tight schedule and compact work site. ULI of Atlanta cited Sovereign/3344 Peachtree as “an outstanding example of community oriented development.”

Owned and developed by Atlanta-based Regent Partners and designed by the Atlanta architectural firm Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart & Associates, the vertical mixed-use development offers Class A office space, street-level retail, luxury condominiums and convenience to public transportation and other amenities.

Other Hardin-built projects recognized by ULI of Atlanta for 2009:

- 45/55 Allen Plaza, a former Brownfield site converted into a vibrant economic center, now home to W Atlanta Downtown Hotel & Residences, won a Development of Excellence Award.

- Atlanta Botanical Garden, a Sustainable Development Award finalist, was recognized for its sustainability initiatives, which include a visitor center with rooftop gardens and a parking structure built into a hillside, thus reducing its heat island effect.

In 2008, ULI of Atlanta named the Hardin-built Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre its Project of the Year. Other recent Hardin projects to win Development of Excellence

awards include Technology Square at Georgia Tech, and the mixed-use Terminus 100 building.

Among the Top Green Builders

Recognized for its leadership in sustainable construction and for obtaining LEED certification for its clients, Hardin Construction is ranked by Southeast Construction magazine among the top 10 in the southeast in green building.

Including its own headquarters building, which is LEED-Gold certified, Hardin has participated in 15 projects that have either earned or are pursuing LEED certification. Hardin built the Arthur M. Blank Family Office building, recognized as the first LEED-Gold certified building in Georgia and as the southeast's first LEED-Gold certified office building. The Atlanta Botanical Garden Parking Deck and Visitors Center is pursuing LEED-Gold certification.

More than 35 percent of Hardin's operations staff has achieved LEED AP status.

About Hardin Construction

Founded in 1946, Hardin Construction Company, LLC is a leading general contractor and construction manager in the United States and has consistently been in the forefront of safety and sustainable practices in its industry for years. With offices in Atlanta, Ga., Tampa, Fla., Orlando, Fla., Raleigh, N.C., and Austin, Texas, Hardin Construction provides comprehensive construction services including general construction, construction management, design-build, and renovation. A privately-held company, Hardin Construction provides these services in markets such as retail, hospitality, residential, office, education, healthcare, public assembly, governmental and institutional. For more information, visit www.hardinconstruction.com.

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