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RPA Announces Winners of System Design Showcase Competition

Mokena, Ill. (Oct. 29, 2012) — Advanced Radiant Design, Inc. took home three of the five first-place awards in the Radiant Professionals Alliance’s System Design Showcase Competition, whose winners were announced recently at the RPA’s Annual Membership Meeting and Conference in Chicago.

The Stone Ridge, N.Y.-based company won the top prize in the Commercial, Residential and Snow/Ice Melting categories, with SolarLogic (Santa Fe, N.M.) claiming the other two first-place awards, in Radiant Innovation and Radiant Cooling. Additionally, Cardinal Heating and Cooling (Sun Prairie, Wis.) won second place in Residential and Snow/Ice Melting, while second place in Commercial went to Vertex Mechanical, Inc. (Stevens, Pa.).

A panel of industry experts screened all of the entries and selected the winners, which also will be presented in Radiant Living magazine.

In taking home first place in the Commercial category, Advanced Radiant Design, Inc. created a true “zen” system in the Won Buddhist Retreat Center in Claverack, N.Y. The company designed and installed a climate panel radiant system and incorporated ground source water-to-water geothermal heat pumps with a modulating-condensing boiler backup. The system also provides domestic hot water and cooling. The company’s Residential project was completed on the Olive Bridge Project in Olive Bridge, N.Y., and the Snow/Ice Melting entry was for the Sterling Forest Project in Sterling Forest, N.Y.

SolarLogic won both of its first-place awards for projects related to the Los Alamos County Administration Building. The company used solar collectors for both heating and cooling, using a combined 26 solar collectors and four zones of radiant backed up by a condensing boiler. Originally operated by three different control manufacturers, SolarLogic updated the controls with its proprietary single, Web-based system handling all disciplines.

“Given the construction climate in America today, it was nice to see the excellent entries and quality of work being done by the women and men of the RPA,” said RPA Director of Technical Services Michael Geagan. “The RPA is proud to offer the world’s only radiant and green technologies competition, and we look forward to even greater participation next year.”

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