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Wallace Williams, Vice President and Regional Director of Interior Design for Kahn, Earns IIDA Lifetime Achievement Award

Birmingham, Alabama, May 4, 2009 – The Albert Kahn Family of Companies (Kahn), a leading provider of architecture, engineering, planning, design and management services, is proud to announce that Wallace Williams, Jr., IIDA, IDSA has earned a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Alabama Chapter of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA).

Williams, a Vice President and Regional Director of Interior Design at Kahn, has passionately dedicated 25 years to delivering clients creative, sustainable, cost effective solutions for their projects. IIDA's Alabama Chapter has recognized Williams' many accomplishments with the 2009 Idie Award for Lifetime Achievement. This award honors outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to the profession and have been actively involved within their communities and the association.

As a seasoned interior design professional, Williams' experience in a multitude of design arenas allows him to provide clients creative solutions to their projects. Working in partnership with clients, he oversees the space planning, design development, specifications and finish selections for each project he undertakes. Recent projects include a Women and Infant's Center for The University of Alabama in Birmingham, AL and various tenant fit-out medical office suites for St. Vincent Health System in Birmingham, AL.

Williams earned a bachelor of science in industrial design from Auburn University (1979) and is a registered interior designer in Alabama. He is currently the Chairman of the Alabama State Board of Registration for Interior Design and works closely with the Alabama Interior Design Coalition to further efforts in the interior design legislation. He has served on the Board of Directors of the IIDA Alabama Chapter and has also served as Vice President of Government affairs for IIDA from 2001 until 2003. Williams currently resides in Birmingham, AL with his wife Adele and two daughters, Jamie and Allison.

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