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KEPHART Honored With Five National Design Awards

Denver, CO, March 13, 2008— KEPHART Community :: Planning :: Architecture was recently honored with three (3) Best in American Living Awards (BALA) and two (2) design awards at The Nationals for Vallagio at Inverness, an innovative Transit Oriented Development located in the suburbs of Denver, Colorado along the metro area's expanding light rail line.

Sponsored by *Professional Builder* magazine and the National Association of Home Builders, both award programs recognize the nation's most prestigious new home designs that exemplify design quality and superiority in the marketplace, and epitomize the Best in American Living.

The BALA competition's panel of 14 judges was comprised of builders, architects, land planners, developers, design professionals, and interior designers. A total of 77 award winners were selected from hundreds of entries for superior achievement in over 36 design categories, including Best Multifamily Up To Five Stories, and Best Single Family Attached Home. KEPHART was selected as a Gold winner in the Best Multifamily Up To Five Stories category for the design of the *Moscato* model, and a Silver winner in the same category for the *Trentino* model. KEPHART was also honored with a Silver Award in the Best Single Family Attached Home category for the design of the *Allos* townhome.

KEPHART was recognized with a Silver Award and a Regional Award at The Nationals for the exemplary design of the best-selling *Moscato* model in the Best Attached Home Plan Under \$500,000 category. Winners of The Nationals emerge from a painstaking three-day judging process that includes evaluation by some of the industry's finest marketing professionals, representing a wide range of disciplines and a geographic cross section.

"It was great working with Metropolitan Homes to turn their first Transit Oriented Development into a community destination," said Doug Van Lerberghe, Associate Principal of KEPHART, the architecture and land planning firm selected to design the neighborhood. "We're ecstatic that the judges recognized our attention to detail and honored Vallagio at Inverness with five national design awards."

Vallagio at Inverness, developed by Metropolitan Homes, located in the Inverness office park district of Englewood, Colorado offers six different attached product series with starting prices ranging from the \$200s to the \$800s. The neighborhood offers over 25,000 sq. ft. of retail space and is within walking distance of The Inverness Hotel and Golf Club, Inverness Office Park, and Dry Creek Light Rail Station.

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ABOUT KEPHART Community :: Planning :: Architecture: KEPHART, founded in 1974, is an architectural design and planning firm, which provides a full range of personalized, professional services to builders and developers. The firm has completed a variety of residential and commercial ventures across the country including the innovative design and planning of over 200,000 living units ranging from single family homes to townhomes, condominiums, retirement communities, mixed-use developments, Transit Oriented Developments, and urban infill. For more information, please visit www.kephart.com or call 303-832-4474.

ABOUT DOUG VAN LERBERGHE: As Associate Principal and designer of award-winning communities throughout the United States, Doug has contributed greatly to KEPHART's reputation as a leader in design. He utilizes his 25+ years of experience to balance design trends with marketplace longevity and construction costs. His experience includes the design of master planned communities, high density in-fill concepts, and a wide range of multi-family for sale projects. Doug is on the Board of the local 50+ Housing Council, and is the Awards Chairman of the 50+ Housing Design Awards which are sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders 50+ Housing Council.

ABOUT THE BEST IN AMERICAN LIVING AWARDS (BALA): This celebrated design competition, sponsored by the NAHB Design Committee and *Professional Builder* magazine, is open to builders, architects, designers, developers, land planners and interior designers nationwide. Winners of this prestigious award are selected annually from hundreds of entries and they invariably redefine excellence for the residential building industry. For more information, please visit www.housingzone.com/bala.

ABOUT THE NATIONALS: Now in its 27th year, The Nationals pays tribute to superior new-home sales and marketing achievements by individual sales and marketing professionals, homebuilders and associates, and sales and marketing councils. The competition is presented by the National Sales and Marketing Council (NSMC), a council of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). The largest competition in the nation for new-home sales and marketing professionals and communities, The Nationals is also the most prestigious, in part because it is national in scope, and categories are effectively linked to real-world marketing strategies and challenges. For more information, please visit www.thenationals.com.

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