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Environmental Press Release
CollinsWood Award

Portland, Oregon—The Collins Companies, the first privately-owned forest products business in the U.S. to be certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), recently announced the winners of the International CollinsWood® Millennium awards. The awards focus attention not only on fine design, but also on the need and the demand by consumers and environmentalists to protect forest ecosystems while still harvesting trees in a sustainable manner. By using FSC-certified CollinsWood, designers, builders, architects, and manufacturers are supporting the most rigorous and scientific methods of forest management. “More and more architects are looking to make environmentally responsible choices. And with more and more artisans using environmentally responsible resources, such as FSC-certified wood, it is getting easier and easier for architects to do the right thing by their clients and the environment,” said Kristin Ralff Douglas, publisher and editor of *Environmental Design & Construction* magazine, who, along with William Sampson, editor of *CabinetMaker* magazine, was one of the two judges for the awards. The FSC is the only forest certifying organization in the world endorsed by the major environmental groups including the World Wildlife Fund, the Wilderness Society, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Rainforest Alliance, and the World Resources Institute.

“This year’s winners represent the best of the environmentally responsible products available on the market today. They are beautiful, masterfully crafted, and made from a well-managed, renewable resource,” commented judge Kristin Ralff Douglas. In the Kitchen & Bath category, Charles Shackleton Furniture of Bridgewater, Vermont won with their “Kitchen Dresser,” an heirloom piece using 100% CollinsWood rough sawn cherry and poplar. Their design featured sliding dovetail case joinery, dado and tenon face frame construction, hand carved dentil molding in crown, half-blind dovetail drawer joinery, solid cherry adjustable shelves, door fronts with floating raised panels, and tongue & groove backing. As William Sampson comments, “The more you look at this piece, the more you are fascinated by the intriguing molding details and fine workmanship.” The runner-up in this category was The Joinery of Portland, Oregon with their “Lawless Table,” constructed of solid CollinsWood steamed red maple and cherry.

The Joinery was also a winner in the Entertainment category with “Loreleif’s Bed,” designed by Terrence E. Hall. “This ingenious design stretches the practicality of the bed from strictly a sleeping platform to a more ergonomically multipurpose leisure zone,” said CollinsWood judge William Sampson. Crafted with 100% CollinsWood cherry, the bed features a graceful, curved chair-like headboard and a simple, short-foot board at the end of the bed for sitting. It’s an ideal design as a

space saver for a small master bedroom, yet enduring enough in its craftsmanship to be handed down from generation to generation.

Architectural Forest Enterprises of Brisbane, California was a co-winner in the SoHo (small office / home office) category with their new line of office furniture fabricated with CollinsWood particleboard, veneers, lumber, and finished with a zero-emissions UV cured coating. The collection was designed by Tony Garrett of San Francisco, California.

Co-winner in the SoHo category was the “Toupin Office Table” designed by Christine Toupin, AIA, and built by Peter Murkett of Monterey, Massachusetts. The table is constructed of solid lumber throughout, utilizing 100% FSC-certified CollinsWood cherry. Highlighting up-to-date technology, the voice/data and power cables are separated in the table and the electrical component is the Interact Module (UL listed) manufactured by ElectricCable Assembly Inc. The table can be shipped disassembled with easy assembly instructions and only an electric screwdriver with two tips needed for tools. The solid cherry tabletop attaches to the base with fasteners riding in grooves, which allows for seasonal expansion and contraction across the grain without warping, buckling, or cracking. An initial production run of twenty-five tables was enthusiastically received at the Bloomfield College library.

All the winning pieces are available for purchase either directly through the designer/builder or through The Collins Companies. For more information, contact Collins at 1-800-329-1219.

Sponsored by The Collins Companies, a family-owned business since 1855, the awards are a tribute to exceptional design and forest stewardship. Collins has been a leader in certified well-managed forest practices and has been recognized for its vision by receiving numerous awards, some of which include: Presidential Award for Sustainable Development, Green Cross Millennium Award from Mikhail S. Gorbechev, President of Green Cross International, and Founder of the New Northwest from Sustainable Northwest. In addition to their environmental commitment in forestry, Collins was the first forest products company in the United States to institute the principles of The Natural Step into all their manufacturing and office operations. The Natural Step is an international organization dedicated to shifting people and businesses away from linear resource-wasting, toxic-spreading methods of materials handling and manufacturing toward cyclical resource-preserving methods.