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## **BKV Group Receives Two International Interior Design Association “Fresh, Artistic and Brilliant” Awards**

Minneapolis, Minnesota—April 21, 2008—BKV Group, a Minneapolis and Chicago based architecture, interior design, landscape architecture and engineering firm, is pleased to announce receiving two International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Northland FAB Awards. This award program recognizes excellent interior designs offering Fresh, Artistic and Brilliant design resolutions. With 59 entries, BKV Group is the recipient in two categories:

Residential/Housing: Carleton Place Artist Lofts, St. Paul, MN  
Large Commercial: Colle+McVoy, Minneapolis, MN

Carleton Place Artist Lofts was a collaboration between BKV Group, University and Carleton Development, LLC, Dominion Development and Weis Builders. The project consists of three historic warehouses that were converted into 169 industrial loft-style affordable rental living units with comfort features and state-of-the-art amenities for the artist community. The *Fresh, Artistic and Brilliant* lofts feature concrete floors and open plan designs, an inspired community room, colorful and imaginative corridors with art exhibit space, a dry room for kilns and pottery, a flexible hard-wood floored studio serving dancers and gallery exhibitions, and a studio designed for band rehearsal.

Colle+McVoy was a collaboration between BKV Group, Colle+McVoy and KM Building Company. Placing strong consideration on the client, modest budget and historical shell, the design team took charge to marry the industrial building's mercantile dry goods history with the client's straight forward culture and agrarian roots. The result was a constructivist aesthetic utilizing the inherent qualities of industrial materials in the context of the built process. Inspiration was garnered from intra-building transportation such as ramps, slides and chutes; evident in architectural features such as the communication stair as well as the steel and lumber display walls. The result is a *Fresh, Artistic and Brilliant* design forming a galvanizing new environment while preserving the grain and character of the original space.

Founded in 1978, BKV Group interiors focuses on corporate and housing/residential interiors, and tenant improvements.

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