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LOCAL ARCHITECTURE FIRM IS RECOGNIZED WITH TWO AWARDS FOR DESIGN OF MAJOR MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA

CUPKOVIC architecture, llc a local Cleveland architectural firm founded in August of 2004, has received two design awards for SoDo (South of Downtown); a mixed use project located in Orlando Florida, one mile south of the Central Business District. The first award came in February of 2009 when SoDo was named “2008 Outstanding Mixed-Use Development” by NAIOP Central Florida. On July 13th at the Orlando City Council’s meeting the development team received 1000 Friends of Florida “Better Community Award”.

CUPKOVIC architecture the project designer was established by industry veteran Noel Cupkovic in August of 2004. “When we opened the firm, we did a lot of pre-design work for large complex mixed use projects of this magnitude. What’s satisfying about the 1000 Friends’ award is that it comes from a watchdog organization; they are pointing to SoDo and saying this how you’re supposed to do mixed-use urban infill” states Cupkovic.

The project consists of 760,000 Square Feet of building on 22 acres including 340 residential units, 70,000 SF of office space a 50,000 SF fitness center, boutique and anchor retail that includes the only Super Target store in the world with 700 cars of parking on its’ roof.

Our role in the project was as master plan and design architect through the zoning process, design and executive architect for the office over retail buildings, fitness center and parking decks. We also facilitated as the coordinating architect through the entire process. Today there seems to be a new consciousness about building design and development, Cupkovic explains. We’re utilizing sustainable design principles in everything we do. The development community is grasping sustainability not just as a requirement but as an operational asset to their built environment.

Collaboration is also a hallmark of CUPKOVIC architectures’ design process. We know that these project types are large and complicated. The key as a leader in the coordination role is to recognize and respect being the “caretaker of the opportunity”. A lot of our projects are “legacy type” efforts for our clientele, no two are alike and collaboration can only help to make them better and more diverse.

Cupkovic also recognizes the dedicated project team, who all shared in the effort necessary to design, produce and construct SoDo, they include: Jeffrey Hoskin, Design Principal – Jason Colon, Design Architect – John Faile, Project Architect – Justin Hutchins and Craig Cospers, Associate. For more information on CUPKOVIC architecture, llc visit www.cuparc.com

1000 Friends’ Better Community Award is presented annually for plans that have been implemented and projects that are completed that use the principles of smart growth to create livable, vital environments. It has been presenting awards for innovative growth management efforts since 1990. For more information on 1000 Friends, visit www.1000friendsofflorida.org

In February of 2009 at NAIOP Central Florida 13th annual “Best of the Best” Awards Gala – SoDo was awarded “2008 Outstanding Mixed-Use Development” for: “demonstrating exceptional overall design and coordination of multiple uses to meet the needs of the end user, usage of quality materials with superior construction techniques, compatibility with its natural surroundings, complexity and market viability, and exceptional results achieved by the development team.” NAIOP is a Commercial Real Estate Development Association – Central Florida Chapter. For more information on NAIOP visit www.naiopcf.org

Kimco Realty Corporation, the project developer, is a real estate investment trust (REIT) that owns and operates a significant portfolio of neighborhood and community shopping centers. For further information, visit the company’s web site at www.kimcorealty.com