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**Skanska's Houston Team Takes Home Multiple 'Excellence in Construction' ABC Awards**

**HOUSTON, TX** – Skanska USA announced today that its building unit was the recipient of multiple prestigious awards at the 2009 Annual Excellence in Construction Competition hosted by the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Greater Houston. The ABC awards recognize general contractors, specialty contractors and supplier members for the year's top construction projects that exhibit superior quality, high standards in workmanship and excellent safety records.

Skanska won the **Merit award for Institutional Publicly Funded** (under \$30 Million construction cost), for the University of Houston System at Sugar Land and Wharton County Junior College Academic Building. This joint project is a 150,000 square-foot multi-story building that includes multiple classrooms, laboratories, study rooms, offices, a library, bookstore and other support spaces. In addition to meeting the educational needs of the Fort Bend community's growing population, the joint facility allows students the ease of fulfilling most or all of their education on a single campus that offers lower-level and upper-level courses.

Skanska also won the **Merit award for Institutional Publicly Funded** (more than \$60 Million in construction costs) for Palmview High School, which opened in January 2009 to students in order to accommodate the tremendous population growth in the La Joya School District. This project consisted of two phases and included four new buildings totaling 340,000 square-feet and a central plant.

Skanska also received the **ICE award for Storm Damage Restoration** (more than \$4 Million in construction costs) for the HCA Hospitals Hurricane Ike Restoration Program. This project provided the construction management-at-risk services that included 150,000 square-feet at East Houston Regional Medical Center and 45,000 square-feet at Mainland Medical Center.

"Our Houston team is committed to excellence and we are proud to be recognized again by the ABC with these esteemed awards," said Matt Daniel, vice president of business development, Skanska. "These awards are an affirmation of the work quality Skanska delivers."

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Skanska is one of the world's leading project development and construction groups with expertise in construction, development of commercial and residential projects and public-private partnerships. The Group currently has 55,000 employees in selected home markets in Europe, the U.S. and Latin America. Headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden and listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange, Skanska's sales in 2008 totalled \$21.8 billion.