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EVENT: Art exhibition and artist reception

TITLE: *Green Design: for a Sustainable Future*

FEATURED ARCHITECTS: GreenBuilt Construction, HOT ITALIAN / Mojica Architecture Studio, HLA Group Landscape Architects and Planners, Inc., Indigo, Hammond & Playle Architects LLC, Maria Ogyrdziak Architecture AIA, MFM Applied Arts, Michael F. Malinowski AIA, Noll & Tam Architects

LOCATION: SMUD Art Gallery, 6301 S St. (at 65th St), Sacramento

DATES: November 17th through January 8th (2009)

RECEPTION: Wednesday, December 17th, Noon – 2 pm

FREE TO THE PUBLIC: Hours - Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

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IMAGES:

- 1.) HOT ITALIAN: 16th & Q Sts. - Sacramento's first LEED certified restaurant and retail development by Mojica Architecture Studio and Lepore Development
  - 2.) Valley Hi / North Laguna Library by Noll & Tam Architects
- For higher resolution images please contact Alan Dismuke – 443-7962 or alan@Adartprojects.com*

The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts commission and SMUD are presenting a special exhibition that highlights a sampling of the many residential, commercial and public green building projects currently being developed in the area. These include LEED certified buildings and cover the concepts of urban infill, adaptive reuse, low toxin and recycled building materials, energy efficiency, historic preservation, sustainable landscaping and other "smart growth" factors that contribute to Sacramento's standing as a leading green city.

One of the leading issues discussed by all parties in the recent presidential race was the need to establish a new employment base in America through "Green" industry - new technology, alternative energy, and the design and manufacture of new products that will lead the world toward a sustainable future.

The Sacramento region has consistently been given high scores on a number of green city index lists. SustainLane.com placed Sacramento at number 14 out of the top 100 green cities in America for 2008. One key factor in our high ranking is Sacramento's Sustainability Master Plan adopted in December 2007 by our Mayor and City Council which included plans to add 20,000 clean energy sector jobs in our region by 2015.

Our city is home to 4.3 million square feet of LEED-certified office space - just behind Chicago's 5.2 million square feet, and well ahead of San Francisco and Los Angeles. Our locally owned Utility District, SMUD, has a national reputation as a "green" utility and has been at the forefront of energy efficiency and renewable generation for decades.

Add to that the wealth of green design firms that are establishing roots in Sacramento; our bicycle-friendly climate, with new infrastructure improvements being put into place; our proximity to a year round supply of fresh, locally-grown food, and you'll see that Sacramento is in a position to lead other municipalities toward a much brighter future.

The exhibition will be on display at the SMUD Gallery from November 3rd through January

8th. A public reception will be held on Wednesday December 17th from Noon- 2:00 pm.

SMUD Art Gallery is a partnership between the Sacramento Municipal Utility District and the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission with additional support from the City and County of Sacramento.