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**Riverside Home Designs of Kerrville Named
2017 ARDA First Place Winner
Best Architectural Working Drawings**

WASHINGTON, DC, Friday, August 11, 2017 – The American Institute of Building Design (AIBD) named Riverside Home Designs and Drafting Services as one of its top designers in the tenth annual American Residential Design Awards (ARDA) at the Academy of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia; during a banquet dinner held in conjunction with the AIBD Summer Conference. James Kenalty ^{AIBD, CPBD} of Riverside Home Designs was awarded the Grand ARDA trophy in Working Drawings category. The winning entries were First Place Riverside Home Designs from Kerrville, Texas, Second Place LGA Studios of Colorado Springs, Colorado and finally third place went to Habitations LLC from Chamblee, Georgia. The winners were chosen from 140 finished and proposed projects submitted by 35 design firms across the United States.

The winning project was constructed in nearby Medina, Texas. It was a finished Architectural Drawing for a Large Texas Ranch Home Kenalty said.

One of the initial ideas our client had was to design a rather large home that looked as though it had been there for a century or more. The idea we had was to make it look as though the home had been added onto many times throughout the years.

An old barn was brought-in from Pennsylvania by the owners and it formed the great room; which would become the center piece of our project. Once the barn was located and we had established the basic size of the structure, our work began in earnest Kenalty said.

The home features a large old barn that was originally built sometime in 1870's in Pennsylvania. It had large 10 X 12" timbers that were very rustic, truly old, very dry

and very warped. This is exactly what we needed for this project. We used the rough timber in the great room as the center piece for the entire project; everything else was designed around the great room. We made it look as if the barn had been added onto over two centuries. The selection of exterior finish materials was especially important for this project. We used a combination of vertical board and batten, horizontal siding, stucco, stone, and split log siding to give the appearance it had been done at various times through history.

This project features several large wrap-around porches. We took extra care in the orientation of this home on the property so that the owners could enjoy morning coffee and lazy afternoons without the sun interfering with their pleasures on the large porches. It also has a beautiful infinity tub adjoining the Master Suite with a room full of rain heads to simulate showering in the rain.

Once the project was completed, it looked as though it had been there for a hundred years! Just as we initially envisioned it to be. The owners loved the idea, and love the finish home even more.

The Principal at Riverside Home Designs, James Kenalty, is the primary designer and client contact for the firm. His personal approach to design stresses constant communication and teamwork between the design team, the builders, and the clients, from concept to completion.

James said "although our designs are as unique as the clients who helped inspire them, each one evokes a compelling sense of place, style and comfort, making them highly livable and timeless". Using sustainable materials and building practices with today's advanced technology, Riverside Home Designs creates traditional and contemporary designs that meet current energy efficiency expectations while maintaining style, comfort and beauty. Mr. Kenalty invites you to contact the company at 830-895-2998 or visit the company's web pages at www.riversidehomedesigns.com for more information.

ARDA is a progression of the AIBD Annual Design Competition, which has been in existence for more than 65 years. This year's jury included Stephanie Henley, principal and co-owner of Beasley and Henley Interior Design, Orlando, FL; Sean Sullivan, owner of Living Stone Design+Build, Ashville, NC; Lyle Breeze, owner of Breeze and Associates, Tarpon Springs, FL; and the ARDA Committee Chairperson Karen Kassik-Michelson of Michelson & Daughter Const. Inc.

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The winning ARDA entries are also published at www.residentialdesignawards.com.