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MARTIN/MARTIN WINS 2010 NCSEA NATIONAL AWARD

Lakewood, CO – Martin/Martin, Inc. has been recognized for innovative structural engineering design of a collection of large-scale cruise ship works of art by the National Council of Structural Engineering Associations (NCSEA).

Martin/Martin received an Excellence in Structural Engineering Award for a body of work called “An ‘Oasis’ of Structural Art.” The sophisticated entry detailed a group of cruise ship sculptures involving exotic materials and structural systems. The pieces are installed on the *Oasis of the Seas* and other Royal Caribbean and Celebrity cruise ships. Martin/Martin won the award based on innovative design, engineering achievement and creativity. It is the second time in three years that the firm has been honored nationally by NCSEA with an excellence award.

Martin/Martin Inc. accepted the award at the NCSEA 18th Annual Conference on Oct. 2 in Jersey City, N.J. The NCSEA Annual Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards program features examples of structural engineering ingenuity throughout the world. This year there were 69 entries in eight categories from seven countries.

In the past 15 years, Martin/Martin has provided structural engineering for more than 20 major art pieces installed on 14 cruise ships, including *Oasis of the Seas*. This massive 16-deck ship has a capacity of 8,400 passengers and crew members, and is the largest such ship ever launched. *Allure*, its sister, due to begin its first season of voyages in December, will also feature sculptures for which Martin/Martin has designed structural components.

Eight pieces of artwork installed on cruise ships between 1996 and the present were selected to represent this body of work for the NCSEA competition. Use of non-traditional structural materials and systems in uncommon circumstances makes this project distinctive. The structural engineering work incorporated design of steel, stainless steel, aluminum, bronze, glass, fiber-reinforced polycarbonate, cable and fabric. Design also required special considerations such as roll, pitch and heave movement (which exceeds the highest seismic accelerations on buildings anywhere in the US).

In 2007 Martin/Martin was bestowed an Excellence Award for Structural Systems and the Outstanding Structural Design Project, Special Structures category, award for engineering the Quigg Newton Auditorium Theater & Ellie Caulkins Opera House in Denver.

Martin/Martin, Inc. Consulting Engineers is a full-service **civil and** structural engineering firm that has been a leader in the Rocky Mountain region since the 1940s. Visit us on the web at www.martinmartin.com.

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