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## UW-Milwaukee SARUP Students Sweep National Architectural Competition Strong Showing Speaks to the Value of Collegiate-Corporate Partnerships

**Waukesha, Wis.** (October 30, 2007) – The Spancrete Group, Inc., announced four UW-Milwaukee student teams swept the 2007 PCI (Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute) Architectural Student Design Competition. The students were recently enrolled in The Spancrete Studio at UW-Milwaukee School of Architecture and Urban Planning (SARUP).

“The entries submitted by the UW students were truly impressive,” said Michael Potts, director of education at PCI. “The collaborative interactions between UW-Milwaukee’s students of architecture and the Spancrete engineers and plant personnel showed in the level of depth and sophistication of student designs. They’ve significantly raised the bar for this competition, and their work is a tribute to the collaborative efforts of everyone involved with The Spancrete Studio.”

Thirty-four entries were submitted from North America to the 2007 competition which asked students to design a new PCI headquarters. In addition to designing a total precast concrete structure, this year’s competition also considered sustainable building practices. The 2007 winning entry impressed judges by creatively integrating the gathering of rain water into oversized gutter elements, which then reclaimed the rain water for future use.

**UW-Milwaukee SARUP students taking top honors include:**

**First Place:** Team comprised of David Vanden Avond, Justin Wagner, Matt Martin

**Second Place:** Bryan Finnegan

**Third Place:** Jasenko Badic

**Honorable Mention:** Adam Flickinger

“For students, a course like The Spancrete Studio opens a world of possibilities,” said Gil Snyder, SARUP Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Architecture at UW-Milwaukee. “Awards are one testament to its value. An even greater benefit comes from learning about alternative building methods and gaining access to industry professionals.”

Nearing its third year, The Spancrete Studio is focused on precast concrete fabrication and construction for architectural students. By exposing students to technical information from a range of industry sources, the course explores the role of precast technology and its relationship to today’s architectural design standards.

**About The Spancrete Group, Inc.**

Headquartered in Waukesha, Wis., The Spancrete Group, Inc. is a leading provider of architectural and structural precast concrete products to the Midwest construction industry. A third-generation, family-owned company, Spancrete is an industry pioneer, committed to being the most responsive partner and innovative provider of precast products and solutions. The company operates four precast concrete plants in Wisconsin and Illinois, Spancrete Machinery Corporation in Waukesha, and American Concrete Pipe Company in Green Bay and Milwaukee. The company recently announced the purchase of Florida Precast Industries, Inc., a manufacturer of Spancrete products serving the precast construction needs of central and southern Fla. All Spancrete facilities are PCI certified and supply precast concrete products to the entire Midwest region.

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