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Bill Smith to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award at Building a Better Central Oregon

Bend, OR. October 2, 2014. The Central Oregon Association of REALTORS® (COAR) will present the 38th Annual Building a Better Central Oregon (BBCO) Awards on October 23, 2014 at the Seventh Mountain Event Center. BBCO's main purpose is to recognize worthy residents who have enhanced their community with outstanding new or renovated residential, commercial or industrial buildings. Projects are judged on economic impact, neighborhood improvement, unique design or use of materials. When the BBCO committee is considering a project for a possible award there are specific guidelines that the committee follows, they are:

1. Property must be within the geographic area of COAR- Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson and Harney Counties
2. The project must have been completed within the last two (2) years
3. The project should have significant impact on, or enhancement to the community, some examples are as follows:
 - Local economic impact
 - Neighborhood improvement
 - Community improvement
 - Neighborhood/Community beautification
 - Unique design
 - Unique use of materials
4. The project can be new construction and/or renovation/restoration including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Commercial construction (office, retail, industrial, multi-family, etc.)
 - Community projects
 - Community art
5. Individuals and small corporations will be given priority over large corporation or government projects.
6. Number of awards shall be decided by the committee based on number of and quality of nominated properties.

In 2014, BBCO will honor Bill Smith of William Smith Properties, Inc. with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to the enhancement of Central Oregon's economy and livability. There will be approximately ten (10) projects that will be revealed at the event to receive the award.

Tickets for the event are \$35 and are available by calling 541-382-6027 or emailing info@coar.com.

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The Central Oregon Association of REALTORS® (COAR) is your voice for real estate in Central Oregon. COAR is a trade association serving the professional needs of its 1500+ members. In addition, COAR is dedicated to enhancing and protecting the real estate industry. COAR believes we can build better communities by supporting quality growth, seeking sustainable economies and housing opportunities while protecting a property owner's ability to own, use, buy and sell property.

If media would like to attend the event, please contact kim@coar.com for a press pass.