

# ACAI NEWS RELEASE

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## ACAI Named Business of the Year

Fort Lauderdale, FL (April 2008) -- ACAI Associates, Inc. -- a minority-owned company with extensive experience in architecture, master planning, programming, and construction management -- was selected as Business of the Year in the South Florida Business Journal's prestigious contest of the same name. ACAI was the winner in their category (under \$25 million) of architecture, engineering and construction firms.

The award was bestowed on ACAI and other category winners at a luncheon held at Fort Lauderdale's Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty Six, which was attended by more than 400 regional businesspersons. Earlier this Spring, ACAI was named as a finalist in the region's Best Places to Work competition.

ACAI's selection for this prestigious recognition was officially tied to the firm's achievements in revenue growth, job creation, commitment to employees and community involvement. "I am, of course, immensely proud of my team and this achievement," said Adolfo J. Cotilla, AIA, president of ACAI Associates, which he founded in 1985. "This distinction would not have occurred without our commitment to our valued clients, so it is with heartfelt appreciation that I thank them, also, for continuing to inspire us."

In his comments prior to revealing ACAI's name at the awards luncheon, Gary Press, publisher of the South Florida Business Journal, noted, "While all finalists had notable financial statistics, this company had impressive community involvement and innovative employee programs that differentiated them from the others. The leadership in this family-oriented company even knew their employees' children. Business is about people and they get it!"

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*ACAI is an award-winning, full-service architecture firm with offices in Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties. Founded in 1985, ACAI's project-tested architects, engineers and construction professionals consistently deliver innovative, functional, sustainable and cost-effective design solutions. A minority-business enterprise, ACAI has built a longstanding reputation for excellence in the planning and design of universities, schools, local and state government buildings, healthcare facilities, industrial and commercial businesses, and private and public corporations. To learn more, contact Sandra Smerkers, LEED AP, ACAI's director of marketing, at 954-484-4000, ext. 38, or [ssmerkers@acaiworld.com](mailto:ssmerkers@acaiworld.com).*



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