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ICFA Awards Best Projects

The Insulating Concrete Form Association held the second annual ICFA Excellence Awards September 25, 2007 in conjunction with ICFA's Annual Meeting and Expo, recognizing the best ICF projects. Commercial buildings and homes that were completed in 2006 and that met the program's guidelines were eligible for awards. Each entry was judged on its success in meeting requirements set forth in each category.

ICFA INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNER



Location: Niigata, Japan
Architect/Designer: Takahashi Osamu
Engineer: Natabe Takumi
General Contractor: Ikarahi Kensetsu
ICF Manufacturer: **IntegraSpec ICF**
Features: A complex design utilizing the flexibility of ICFs. Due to the surrounding residential settings, there was much attention paid to soundproofing.

IntegraSpec's patented independent panel design eliminates form float, compaction, and form waste. These

features provided the benefits of allowing the floors and walls to be poured monolithically. Another major benefit was the installation of the IntegraSpec with the vertical steel already in place in the slabs. This method increases structural strength in earthquake prone zones.

The ICFA Excellence Awards are a great way to show the design community, construction industry, and the public-at-large what ICFs have to offer as a building system of choice. Participation in the awards was at an all time high, and the judges were faced with many entries and high-quality projects to go through.