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SpawGlass recognized for excellence in construction

Austin, Texas – SpawGlass was presented with a 2008 Excellence in Construction Eagle Award from the Central Texas Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) during the group's annual awards banquet on October 16. The award recognizes outstanding construction projects in the region.

SpawGlass was recognized for its work on the Querencia at Barton Creek Continuing Care Retirement Community, which was entered in the Healthcare, \$25 to \$99 million category. The more than 400,000-square-foot luxury community consists of seven structures and includes 157 independent living homes and 10 independent living detached villas situated on more than 30 acres in the hills of the Barton Creek neighborhood. Each of the 167 independent living homes was customized, with residents allowed to pick their finishes, cabinets, countertops, flooring and fixtures, and even to make some layout modifications.

The Querencia healthcare facility includes 44 assisted living units, 44 private skilled nursing beds and 20 memory support units. The community has libraries, an arts studio, multipurpose rooms, meeting/card rooms, beauty salons, underground parking, four dining facilities and a full-service spa, including a fitness center, pool, spa and lounge deck. Officially completed in September 2007, the community opened in phases to allow residents to begin moving in before the entire project was finished.

To preserve the natural beauty of the site and meet the area's height restrictions, the buildings were set into the hills, with much of the structures built underground. The team had to cut through rock between 40 and 60 feet deep in some areas. This challenge was made more difficult because all of the structures, except the villas and the spa building, are connected.

To maintain the schedule, a general superintendent, Howard Ladner, and project manager, Bryan Lofton, were appointed to oversee the entire project, with one superintendent assigned to each of the seven structures and an assistant project manager assigned to coordinate all personalization requests. Scott Hobza served as project executive. Querencia at Barton Creek was developed by Greystone Communities for Senior Quality Lifestyles Corporation (SQLC). CSD Architects designed the community.

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"Resulting from quality construction standards, attention to detail and timeliness, Senior Quality Lifestyles and the Querencia team are successfully operating one of the truly finest senior living communities in Texas," stated Ross Dickmann, executive director of Querencia at Barton Creek.

"We are proud of the Querencia project and honored to be recognized with this award," said Patrick Williams, SpawGlass vice president and Austin regional manager. "Our success is due to an outstanding team who worked together and with the client and architect to overcome challenges and provide exceptional service and workmanship."

During the Central Texas ABC Awards Banquet, SpawGlass also was honored with an Excellence in Safety Award. Over the past 11 years, SpawGlass has received 10 first place NATIONAL Excellence in Construction Awards from Associated Builders and Contractors. In addition, SpawGlass has received more than 30 first place regional ABC Excellence in Construction Awards over the past five years and is annually recognized for safety excellence.

SpawGlass, a Texas-based general contractor, construction manager and design/builder, was founded in 1953 by Louis Spaw and Frank Glass with a commitment to client satisfaction and service. Today the company has more than 500 employees statewide and is 100 percent employee owned, with ownership available to all employees. Operating in the Austin area since 1978, SpawGlass has regional offices in Austin, San Antonio, Houston and Harlingen.

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