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Building a Better Central Oregon Nominations Open

Bend, OR (April 17, 2014). Thirty-nine years ago the Building a Better Central Oregon Awards (BBCO) were established during an economic downturn, when interest rates were in the double digits and very little was happening to beautify Central Oregon communities. Today, this event recognizes worthy nominees who have enhanced their community with outstanding new or renovated residential, commercial or industrial buildings. Nominations come from the community and from members of the Central Oregon Association of REALTORS® (COAR). A committee of COAR members select and tour the final winners based on the following criteria:

* Property must be within Crook, Deschutes or Jefferson counties.
* Must have been completed within the last 2 years.
* 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 and/or unique use of materials.
* Can be new construction and/or renovation/restoration such as, but not limited to the following:
	+ Commercial construction (office, retail, industrial, multi-family, etc.), community projects or community art.

The awards will be presented at a ceremony on October 22, 2015. Some examples of 2014 recipients were: Wall Street Suites, Little Deschutes Lodge II, The Lot, Maragas Winery, Wild Ride Brew, Barney Prines Steakhouse and Dawg House II. We are currently accepting nominations for BBCO awards through August 15, 2015. For a nomination form please visit <http://www.coar.com/member-benefits/awards> or contact us at 541-382-6027.

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The Central Oregon Association of REALTORS® (COAR) is your voice in real estate industry in Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Harney Counties. COAR serves REALTORS® by maintaining ethical standards, providing continuing education, promoting the value of REALTORS®, and advocating on behalf of the real estate industry. COAR serves the public by working to build better communities by supporting quality growth and seeking sustainable economies and housing opportunities that embrace the environmental qualities we cherish, while protecting a property owner's ability to own, use, buy, and sell property.

COAR, the Central Oregon Association of REALTORS®, is the association comprised of licensed REALTORS® in Central Oregon affiliated with the Oregon Association REALTORS® (OAR) and the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), and interested representatives from the business community. The Association has over 1400 active REALTORS® and approximately 30 affiliate companies.

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