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**BIA/OC Honored with Prestigious Public Relations Award**

IRVINE, Calif.,— The Building Industry Association of Orange County has received a prestigious Award of Excellence from the Public Relations Society of Orange County for the submission in the category of Non-Profit News Release. Jill Cagle, Director of Public Affairs accepted the award on BIA/OC's behalf at the 34th Annual PROTOS Awards was hosted by the Orange County Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (OC/PRSA).

The PROTOS awards honor the top Orange County public relations professionals and organizations for exemplary public relations campaigns and significant achievements. On June 26, over 200 top PR professionals gathered for the "Passport to PROTOS" awards event at Rancho Las Lomas in Silverado, Calif. to celebrate. More than 130 PROTOS award entries were submitted and reviewed by judges from a PRSA chapter in Kentucky. Of those submissions, only 80 entries were chosen to receive recognition at PROTOS.

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The Orange County Chapter of the Building Industry Association of Southern California (BIA/OC) is a non-profit trade association representing more than 1,000 companies employing over 117,000 people affiliated with the home building industry. The BIA/OC mission is to promote proactive participation in the development of economic and community issues in Orange County. The BIA/OC is affiliated with the California BIA and the National Association of Home Builders.

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