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### **Region Builders Awards the Elk Grove City Council 2011 Local Government of the Year**

*Sacramento, CA* – Region Builders, a newly founded coalition by the Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange that includes several esteemed local trade and professional associations and industry businesses, highlighted its recent “BBQ in the Vineyards” Event by awarding the Elk Grove City Council the *Region Builders 2011 Local Government of the Year*

Region Builders announced that the City was this year’s unanimous selection based on the City’s continued efforts to improve the local business climate, and make Elk Gove the most desirable place for future commercial investment. The City Council has tirelessly worked to improve one of the worst jobs to housing ratios in the region by adopting policies that would encourage and attract commercial business development in the local community.

One of these efforts in particular included the Council adopting a new building fee schedule that reduced commercial building permit fees ranging from 50- 200% based on the specific project’s square footage. This policy was spearheaded by the City’s publicly acclaimed “Industry Working Group”, which meets monthly to cordially discuss policy items affecting the local development community.

Steve Detrick, Mayor of the City of Elk Grove, addressed the event audience of close to 400 participants alongside the entire City Council. “Our City has tirelessly worked to foster a stronger business climate and to recruit more employers to locate in our community. Today, we can now say to all of you, that our City is truly a regional destination for business,” explained Mayor Detrick.

Joshua Wood, Vice President of Region Builders, discussed how the City of Elk Grove has emerged as the business leader in the Greater Sacramento Region. “We believe Elk Grove’s leadership and pro-business policies has clearly showcased the City as the destination to build or locate a business. The City Council remains focused on jumpstarting our commercial building industry and bringing jobs into the local community,” explained Mr. Wood.

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#### About Region Builders

Region Builders is a newly established building industry coalition that was founded by the Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange and includes companies representing a cross-section of the commercial building industry and several locally esteemed trade and professional associations. Region Builders is dedicated to the advocacy of the political and public affairs interests of the Greater Sacramento Region’s building industry.