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Comark Building Systems Wins Top Awards for Manufacturing Innovation at the Modular Building Institute Conference

March 11, 2010, DeSoto, Texas --Comark Building Systems (www.comarkbuilding.com), a direct national manufacturer of modular prefabricated buildings, won top industry awards this week at the recent Modular Building Institute (www.modular.org) 'World of Modular' Conference in Orlando, Florida. Comark won First Place for the Under 5,000 square feet Temporary Office category with their Fort Bragg Motor Pool Dispatching Office project and Honorable Mention for the Over 10,000 square feet Permanent Office category for their Fort Carson SOS Battalion Special Forces Headquarters project. Both projects featured technical innovations that only a seasoned manufacturer of modular buildings could achieve.

"As a manufacturer of modular buildings, we are honored to be singled out for recognition by the Modular Building Institute for our achievements. These awards recognize not only Comark's manufacturing capabilities, but also the capabilities of the modular industry as a whole. Prefabricated construction is capable of quality, timeliness, affordability and 'green' options. The possibilities are limitless," states Don Martin, CEO, Comark Building Systems.

As a national manufacturer with plants located in North Carolina, California, and Texas, the Comark award winning projects stood out for their technical innovations in creating a collapsible roof system that could be fabricated in the manufacturing process and the ability to create a self-contained building that was 90% in factory complete before shipment. Competition winners are evaluated for technical innovation, as well as, architectural excellence, affordability and speed of completion.

The Fort Bragg Motor Pool Dispatching Office, a 3572 square foot triple wide modular, was built and installed in 90 days and met specific fort historical requirements. Serving both as administrative offices and central headquarters for the motor pool dispatching operation, the building featured a note-worthy technical innovation. The modules for the building were delivered on three separate transports with a hinged roof section pre-built in the factory on modules one and three. Once the building was crane set the hinged roofs were folded over and the center truss section was installed. The short factory production time, quick set-up and finishing once on site lowered the initial set-up costs.

The Fort Carson SOS Battalion Special Forces Headquarters project, a twenty-two module one story 15,000 square foot building, was designed as a self-contained high-security building that was completed in 123 days. The Ft. Carson building design used the same standing seam metal roof, windows, and full brick veneer surface to match the fort's existing high-spec aesthetic. The distinguishing feature of this project was the complete wet fire suppression system that was ninety percent designed and installed in the factory so that it could handle the buildings independent sprinkler system. The centralized utility and electrical rooms were also pre-set at the factory.

The variety of structures that were represented in the Modular Building Institute competition (<http://www.modular.org/Awards/AwardsOfDistinction.aspx>) demonstrates how far the modular building industry has progressed in the past twenty-five years. The stigma so often associated with modular

buildings as ‘trailers’ is a thing of the past. From completely ‘green’ school buildings and LEED certifiable 353,000 square foot barracks structures to repurposed buildings, where the modules can be disassembled and reassembled to serve a different space need, the range of entries was mind expanding. Held each year to honor individuals and companies in the modular industry, this year’s conference had both national and international representation.

About Comark Building Systems

Comark Building Systems, Inc. (www.comarkbuilding.com), a Carlyle Group company (www.carlyle.com), Comark is a leading manufacturer of commercial modular buildings serving government, education and healthcare industries. Founded in 1989, Comark has grown from a small Southwestern company to a national direct-manufacturer, building several million square feet of custom modular building space each year. The company’s mission is to provide customers with a high level of building expertise and customer service.

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