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A: Olympic Pools Captures Award in Regional Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Competition

Shakopee, MN, Feb 19, 2010: In a competition that invited entries from pool builders in 10 states, Olympic Pools received a *Bronze Award* in the *Water Feature* category, in the 2009 Annual Awards of Excellence competition conducted by the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals (APSP) Region 5.

The awards competition is open to APSP members in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Entries are solicited in the fall each year, and the winners were announced in February.

The owners of this home wanted a custom water feature that fit in with the radius and plans for their patio while providing a soothing water sound for their entertainment and enjoyment. Olympic Pools designed and built a unique concrete bowl, 6' in diameter, with a dark plaster interior. The interior of the fountain contains a sump that houses the pump and fountain lights. The sump's grate is covered by Mexican river rock that provides an aesthetically pleasing appearance of the water even when the pump is off while allowing plenty of light to emerge from the fountain lights in the evening. The fountain has an electronic water level controller and a UV light sanitation system to minimize maintenance for the owners.

B: Owner Receives CBP Certification

Jerry Kalin, owner of Olympic Pools has earned the *Certified Building Professional* (CBP) designation. The CBP program has been designed by APSP to create a professional standard of competence within the pool and spa industry. This elite designation is the result of successfully passing a rigorous written exam, meeting the Association of Pool and Spa Professional industry experience requirements, a commitment to long term industry continuing education and pledging to uphold the APSP's code of ethics.

The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals is an industry trade association with over 4,000 members, including swimming pool builders, pool service companies, retailers, distributors and manufacturers. The Association promulgates design and construction standards that are approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). It also offers the industry extensive training programs leading to certification in swimming pool building and service.