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Dear

This letter is to inform you on the progress of the CIF NOVA Awards selection. A total of 35 Nominations were received by the deadline for the 2009 NOVA Awards. The NOVA Award Jury has selected «your nomination» as one of eight on the short list to be investigated, from whom we expect three to six will be selected to receive the NOVA Award.

Because your Nomination has made the short list, a NOVA Award Engineering Investigator will contact you, and your Nomination will be thoroughly investigated. As the product of this investigation, the Investigator will prepare a confidential report to be submitted to the NOVA Award Jury for its review.

The final stage of the selection process will be in August/September 2009. The Jury will meet to select NOVA Award Winners. The CIF will notify each Winner via express mail the following week. Those on the short list who are not selected to be winners will be notified by mail the same week.

The NOVA Award winning innovations will be announced, presented with the NOVA Award statue, and described in a video presentation at the NOVA Award Banquet on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at the Buena Vista Palace Resort in Orlando, Florida as the highlight of the Construction Users Roundtable (CURT) 2009 National Conference of Construction Owners. We expect attendance of 400-500 leading construction people from major owners (including Abbott, Boeing, BP, Caterpillar, Cisco, Citigroup, Dow, DuPont, GM, Exxon-Mobil, GE, IBM, Intel, Pfizer, P&G, Shell, Disney), contractors (including Gilbane, Jacobs, Rudolph/Libbe, Turner, Washington, Alberici, BE&K, Bechtel), and associations (including AIA, ABC, AGC, NECA, SMACNA, NACA, MCAA). NOVA Winners will be asked to provide materials necessary for the Awards presentation.

People identified by CIF as primarily responsible for each NOVA Award winning innovation will be CURT and CIF Honored Guests at the Banquet, and they will be introduced and presented with a plaque at the Banquet. Honored guests and companions are invited to attend an early VIP reception on Tuesday before the Banquet and breakfast hosted by the CIF Board on Wednesday morning.

All nominations are on the CIF web site (www.cif.org), and they will be described in the 2009 NOVA Award Banquet Program, to be distributed at the Banquet. A special web page describing all 2009 NOVA Award Winners will be on the CIF web site following the Banquet.

Congratulations on your innovation being chosen for investigation, and good luck in the final selection process. If you have any questions regarding the NOVA Awards program and your participation, please contact me by email (ricarr@ricarr.com) or phone (734-665-8287) or Rasha Stino, Ph.D., NOVA Award Chair, by email (rashastino@cif.org) or phone (519-791-7973). Thank you for participating in the NOVA Awards program and supporting construction innovation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Carr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert I. Carr
Founding Chair, NOVA Awards