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## Local Landscape Architect nominated for Cooper-Hewitt Design Award

Minneapolis - (February, 2007) Thomas Oslund - principal of oslund.**and**.assoc., a landscape architecture, environmental design and master planning firm in the Warehouse District of Minneapolis - has been nominated for the Landscape Design Award from the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum's National Design Awards program. These are the only awards of their kind in the nation, celebrating design excellence and innovation, and also gauging the impact of design on the quality of American life.

Nomination is done by a distinguished nominating committee comprised of more than 800 leading American architects, landscape architects, designers, educators, journalists, authors, filmmakers and other professionals. The committee membership represents all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Tom has been nominated for the Landscape Design Award, an award whose previous honorees include Lawrence Halprin, Martha Schwartz, and James Carpenter. Tom has been practicing since 1986. A graduate of the University of Minnesota and Harvard's Graduate School of Design, Tom went on to win the coveted Rome Prize from the American Academy in Rome. Tom was the vice president and director of landscape architecture for Hammel, Green, and Abrahamson (HGA), Inc. in Minneapolis for nine years. Over that span of time Tom was responsible for some of the most iconic spaces in the twin cities and greater Minnesota: The Weesner Birds of Prey Amphitheatre at the Minnesota Zoo and the Minnesota History Center.

In 1998 Tom established his own practice, oslund.**and**.assoc. in Minneapolis. He opened his Chicago office in 2004. During the ensuing nine years, oslund.**and**.assoc. has contributed to a national landscape architectural legacy with projects such as the recent award-winning design for General Mills Corporate Headquarters, Medtronic World Headquarters Master Plan, Wells College Master Plan (Aurora, New York), Valparaiso University Master Plan (Valparaiso, Indiana), Guthrie Theater, and the recently completed Gold Medal Park. Tom has lectured and held visiting chair positions at Harvard University, Washington University, Walker Art Center, Arizona State University, and is currently acting as the Driehaus Professor in landscape architecture in the College of Architecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.