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TAMPA'S ENCORE DEVELOPMENT RECEIVES ACCOLADE FOR MASTER PLANNING AND URBAN DESIGN

TAMPA, FL. – (April 27, 2011) – Tampa's Encore development designed by Baker Barrios Architects, was the recipient of an honor award for Master Planning and Urban Design at the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission's 29th Annual Community Design Awards.

The Encore project – a public private partnership between the Tampa Housing Authority and Bank of America Community Development Corporation – will transform 28-acres of land located between downtown Tampa and Ybor City as a LEED-ND Certified, mixed-use, transit oriented community throughout the next decade.

The complete build-out of the \$600 million project will provide more than 1,500 work force housing, senior and market rate residential units, 200 hotel rooms, a 35,000 square foot grocery store, 180,000 square feet of office space, 85,000 square feet of retail space, a middle school, an African American history museum, multiple public parks and recreation spaces.

The Community Design Awards honors the very best in planning and community design in Hillsborough County.

ABOUT BAKER BARRIOS ARCHITECTS

Established in 1993, Baker Barrios Architects' award-winning global perspectives on planning, landscape, architecture and interior design services deliver economical, sustainable, community enriching design solutions. Baker Barrios is widely recognized for creating world-class cultural arts venues, convention centers, health care facilities, universities, commercial and mixed-use developments.

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