



TOP: VIRGINIA GOVERNOR TIMOTHY M. KAINE CUTS THE RIBBON FOR THE ECOMOD3 PROJECT WITH SOME OF THE UVA STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PROJECT.

BOTTOM: NCARB PRESIDENT DOUGLAS ENGBRETSON, FAIA, TALKS WITH GOV. KAINE AFTER THE CEREMONY.

NCARB President Douglas Engebretson attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the University of Virginia's ecoMOD3 project, winner of last year's \$25,000 NCARB Prize grand prize.

Prize-Winning Ribbon Cutting

Last year the University of Virginia (UVA) was awarded the \$25,000 NCARB Prize grand prize for their "ecoMOD" entry—a multi-year research/ design/build/evaluate program. In December, UVA held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the program's third project, ecoMOD3. The project provides the Charlottesville, VA, community with two affordable housing units that incorporate ecologically sustainable materials and construction practices.

Virginia Governor Timothy M. Kaine spoke to the crowd of students and dignitaries that attended the ceremony. "I feel very excited about any project like this where we are merging the talents of our universities and the energies of our students with true community need," Kaine said.

NCARB President Douglas Engebretson was also on hand to celebrate the event. "The successful collaboration of architecture and engineering students with real world experiences of construction, sustainability, accessibility, and historic preservation makes this project a prime example of what the NCARB Prize was established to promote," said Engebretson. "NCARB can be proud that we are supporting efforts such as this that achieve recognition even beyond our own industry."

Since the NCARB Prize was founded in 2001, NCARB has awarded a total of \$375,000 in prizes that have had a significant effect on furthering the Council's goal of increasing and strengthening the integration of practice with education. The winners of the 2008 NCARB Prize will be announced at the

Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) Annual Meeting in Houston, TX, in March 2008.

Plan now to enter the 2009 NCARB Prize competition. Architecture schools with NAAB-accredited degree programs are invited to submit established projects, completed or in progress by the end of the Fall 2008 term, that exemplify the merging of education with practice. Entries for the 2009 NCARB Prize must be received by Tuesday, February 3, 2009. To learn more about the NCARB Prize program and download an entry form, go to: www.ncarb.org/prize/prize.html. **DC**

