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**THE WASHINGTON DESIGN CENTER UNVEILS MADE: IN AMERICA EXHIBIT  
JULY 7-28**

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MacKenzie Dow and McNeilly Gain Honors*

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 21 2011)** – The Washington Design Center is excited to announce a new exhibit coming to the Design Center, July 7-28, called *MADE: In America*. *MADE: In America* is a coalition of business leaders, public policymakers, educators and other citizens, that seeks to recognize and promote American enterprise in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This year's top honor goes to *Century Furniture, known as the finest hand-crafted furniture in the U.S. Keith Fritz, Duralee Fine Furniture, Kindel, Brighton Pavilion, MacKenzie Dow and McNeilly*

This year's winners will be honored at the U.S. Capitol on July 4 during the annual *Take Pride in America* celebration, which culminates in a viewing of the fireworks from the Capitol's West terrace, one of the best perches in all of Washington.

Following the awards, Century is displaying "The All American Room" in Suite 606, surrounded by vignettes by each of the other winning manufacturers.

**Century Furniture** gets top honors from the *MADE: In America* organization this year for its longstanding commitment to making the finest hand-crafted furniture at home in the United States, in addition to its dedication to employees and contributions to its Hickory, NC, community.

"Century Furniture has a demonstrated commitment to the highest standards of good corporate citizenship," *MADE: In America* Chairman and CEO James DeLorbe says. "Throughout an era in which manufacturing has continuously shifted overseas, the company has a 60-plus-year track record of ongoing production in the United States and to providing meaningful jobs to American workers."

Woodworker **Keith Fritz**, a favorite of designers whose line is sold through **Michael-Cleary**, also won a special award for excellence in craftsmanship named for William Thornton, the first architect of the U.S. Capitol.

Four other lines, each of which is represented in the WDC, were recognized with Build It in America awards, based on their sustained U.S. production and commitment to their workers and hometowns. They are: **Duralee Fine Furniture, Kindel**, represented through **Robert Allen | Beacon Hill; Brighton Pavilion** and **MacKenzie Dow**, both through **AmericanEye**, and **McNeilly**, through **Charles Ray & Associates**.

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