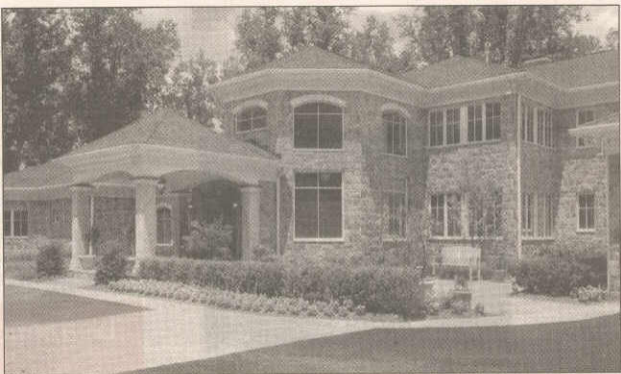


BOWA Builders honored with Finest for Family Living Awards

BOWA Builders, based in McLean, recently announced that it was named "Winner" in the "One-of-a-Kind Single Family Home, \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000" category, and for the second consecutive year, the "Residential Remodeling Above \$250,000" category in the Finest for Family Living Awards. BOWA also won an Award of Merit for the "Customized Single Family Homes, \$1,000,000-\$1,500,000" category marking the second consecutive year the McLean-based builder has won multiple awards at this prestigious event.

Held each year in October, the Finest for Family Living Awards recognize Washington area home builders for excellence in overall design, innovative use of space and comparable value within the market segment. Winners are judged by their peers in the industry.

In addition to announcing the awards, representatives of BOWA Builders also announced that the company had been named one of America's entrepreneurial growth leaders by Inc magazine, which recently released its annual ranking of the Inc 500, the nation's fastest-



BOWA Builders earned a **Finest for Family Living Award** for building this "One-of-a-Kind" single family home.

growing private companies. This is the second time that BOWA has been named to this list, the first being in 1994.

Started in 1982, the Inc

500 ranks the nation's leading entrepreneurial firms according to sales growth over the previous five years. Previous Inc 500 firms that have gone on to become

household names include Microsoft, Timberland, Domino's Pizza and Patagonia.

"We are particularly proud to be named for a second time

to the Inc 500 list." This growth is a direct reflection of our teams' commitment to client service and production excellence," said Josh Baker, president. Larry Weinberg, CEO, added, "As an upper-bracket residential construction company, the overwhelming majority of our business comes from the referrals of past and present clients. To maintain such a large rate of growth means to me that we have been successful in providing excellent service to all of our clients, because, they are our real 'sales force.'"

To be eligible for this year's Inc 500, companies had to be independent and privately held through 2000, have at least \$200,000 in sales in the base year of 1996, and their 2000 sales had to have exceeded 1999 sales. Inc verifies all information using tax forms and financial statements from certified public accountants and by conducting interviews with company officials.

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BOWA also earned an Award of Merit for this customized single family home.