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## BEMA Announces 2009-2010 Design Awards Winners

The Bath Enclosure Manufacturers Association (BEMA) is pleased to announce the winners of its 14th Annual Design Awards Competition. Gregory Pastor, with Met-Tec Shower Enclosures of North Hollywood, California and George Distefano of Glassolutions of Newburgh, New York received the honors this year with their entries in the Glass Under 3/8" and Glass 3/8" and Over categories respectively. The two were honored at BEMA's Annual Membership Meeting, September 15, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada in conjunction with GlassBuild America: The Glass, Window & Door Expo.

BEMA president John Veras, Duschqueen Shower Enclosures, stated, "This competition continues to showcase the innovative work being done in this industry. Creativity and design is clearly reflected in each entry received. Being resourceful in meeting consumer needs in today's economy defines today's top dealers. "

Gregory Pastor, with Met-Tec Shower Enclosures of North Hollywood, California is this year's winner in the Glass under 3/8" category. Pastor acknowledged, "The design team hand crafted the shower enclosure for a project in the Los Angeles area. The enclosure was fabricated from solid brass and then nickel plated. The architects shared the same view that metal should enhance rather than compete with the visual fluidity of tempered glass."

In the Glass 3/8" and Over category, George Distefano of Glassolutions of Newburgh, New York is this year's winner. "This free standing enclosure was created using 1/2" bent starphire glass in two different radii to form a kidney shape design that allows it to flow around the shower tower," Distefano stated. "It was originally designed to be recessed into the ceiling, however adding the CRL glass clamps in antiqued brushed nickel at the top helps anchor the entire enclosure to the space making it a focal point without overwhelming the other beautiful features of the room"

This year's judging panel of industry editors and designers were, Jenni Chase, Glass Magazine, David Newton, David Newton & Associates, Megan Headley, US Glass, Fernando Diaz, ASID, Fernando Diaz & Associates, and Donna Vining, FASID, Vining Design Associates. All entries were completed between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010. In its 14th year, the awards program recognizes and rewards exceptional bathroom design using a shower or tub enclosure in place of a shower curtain. The program was established to allow the companies that manufacture bath enclosure components recognition for the creative uses of their products. The winners will receive travel expenses to attend the BEMA Annual Meeting and GlassBuild America. To view all the entries and winning designs visit [www.bathenclosures.org](http://www.bathenclosures.org).