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Baseline Sports Construction, LLC, ASBA Member Company, Wins National Honor

Ellicott City, MD – Sports facility construction company, Baseline Sports Construction, LLC (Knoxville, Tennessee), has been honored by Racquet Sports Industry Magazine in its annual awards program. Baseline Sports Construction, a member company of the American Sports Builders Association (ASBA), was named one of RSI's Champions of Tennis in recognition of its contributions to the sport. The award was announced at ASBA's annual Technical Meeting, held in Orlando, Florida.

Baseline Sports Construction, LLC was named Tennis Court Contractor of the Year by RSI Magazine. The award recognizes not just excellence in facility construction, but outstanding contributions to the tennis industry as a whole. The company began in 1982 as Empire Recreational Surfaces, concentrating on resurfacing tennis courts as part of its contracting services. Company personnel recognized the need for quality construction from the ground up, and over the years, narrowed its focus on building and maintaining tennis courts, as well as other sports facilities including running tracks, indoor sports facilities and synthetic turf sports fields.

As the company grew, its leadership became increasingly involved with the American Sports Builders Association. The company president, Will Ferguson, served on the board of directors, at one point as the organization's chairman. Its vice president, David Clapp, meanwhile, became both a Certified Tennis Court Builder and a Certified Track Builder, and most recently chaired the committee to rewrite the ASBA's popular publication, *Tennis Courts: A Construction and Maintenance Manual*.

The company primarily serves the private market, but is also involved in municipal facilities as well. Its motto is "Bringing excellence to the surface," and it has been honored in ASBA's awards program many times throughout the years.

The company's philosophy remains unchanged, however: "Build quality projects, make customers happy, and be truthful in representing ourselves."

Racquet Sports Industry is the only trade magazine serving the niche business-to-business market in the tennis industry. Its subscribers include tennis retailers, pro shops, tennis coaches and teachers, racquet sports clubs, community tennis associations and more.

The ASBA is a non-profit association helping designers, builders, owners, operators and users understand quality sports facility construction. For information on the ASBA, as well as on its publications, activities and upcoming meetings, please contact the Association at 8480 Baltimore National Pike, Suite 307, Ellicott City, MD 21043. The toll-free phone number is 866-501-ASBA, the local number is 410-730-9595, and the fax number is 410-730-8833. The ASBA also may be reached electronically via its website: www.sportsbuilders.org, or via e-mail at info@sportsbuilders.org.