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Colorado Roofing Association showcases inaugural award winners.

The inaugural Colorado Roofing Association Awards Dinner turned into quite the birthday party for Arapahoe Roofing's Bob Bellitt.

Bellitt garnered the CRA's first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award on the night he also was celebrating his birthday.

"I was really surprised," said Bellitt, co-owner of Arapahoe Roofing and Sheet Metal. "That was just a coincidence that it was my birthday. I was thinking before that it would be hard to come up with someone to nominate for that award since we have some many people around here who would deserve it. I had no idea it would be me."

The CRA also honored six contractors for performing outstanding work in the 2001 calendar year. Local roofing contractors chose the winners in the six categories based on sales and divided into residential and commercial groups.

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CRA President Curt Boyd said for the first try, the awards dinner was an amazing success.

"We were extremely pleased with the industry response to this type of event," Boyd said. "More than that, we were so proud of the work performed by our member companies."

Winners in the residential category included Platte Valley Roof Systems, Boulder Roofing and Academy Roofing. The commercial contractor winners were Belfor Restoration, Black Roofing and Tiley Roofing.

The show included a video presentation showcasing each winner and the obstacles overcome on the way to an award-winning finish. There was also a video compilation honoring a visibly surprised Bellitt.

Bellitt is essentially the father of the CRA. In the late 1970s, he started the Boulder County Roofing Association, which then became the Northern Colorado Roofing Association. Later the first word was dropped and the CRA was born.

"When we started (the CRA), I thought we should do it so those of us in the industry could work together so we understood the (roofing) codes and we could all be educated," Bellitt said. "Now look at all the things that help us all out. We have a safety

program and the contractors who are part of that have great safety records. And last year we got back a bigger reimbursement check than any other association."

With the inaugural awards show a memory, Boyd said he hopes even more contractors get involved next year and the dining room is more packed.

Bellitt, however, will likely have to settle for a more traditional birthday present.

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