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Austin's Ocean Quest Pools Honored by Peers
in Trade Magazine Builder Competition

LOS ANGELES -- In the fourth annual "Pool & Spa News Industry's Choice Awards" competition, local builder Ocean Quest Pools Inc. of Austin, Texas, was chosen by pool and spa professionals across the United States as one of 50 builders that represent the best of the best.

This latest gallery of winners includes one National Builder of the Year and 49 Distinguished Builders around the United States -- seven builders in each of seven regions mapped out by Pool & Spa News.

As a 1999 Distinguished Builder, Ocean Quest Pools was featured along with the other honorees in the cover story of Pool & Spa News' Feb. 9 issue.

"This award is a special honor in the industry -- as well as a privilege for us to present," said Pool & Spa News Publisher Jules Field. "Ocean Quest Pools has been recognized by its peers in the industry based on several criteria that help define the company's excellence as a whole."

Sponsored by Pool & Spa News, a national trade publication for the swimming pool and spa/hot tub industry, the contest is decided by ballot, and honors those whom industry professionals believe exhibit the highest caliber of professionalism. Voters are asked to consider six criteria when making their decisions: design skills; construction and remodeling expertise; sales and marketing techniques; business practices; customer satisfaction; and community service.

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