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COOPER MOLERA CELEBRATES
INNOVATION AWARD NOMINATION

Monterey, CA. – The Cooper Molera Adobe project has been nominated for a Route Fifty Navigator Award, honoring “innovation in best practices in state and local government.” Fifty finalists were named for their “demonstrated abilities to implement a great idea that improves public sector services and the communities they serve.”

Foothill Properties and the National Trust for Historic Preservation have nearly completed a $6.5 million renovation project. Commercial uses, including Cella Restaurant, Alta Bakery and special event and wedding space operated by Events By Classic, will help support preservation and museum activities. After a year of construction, the property celebrated its first week of being open to the public.

Originally dating from 1827, the 2.5 acre site includes two adjacent adobe homes, a corner store, an adobe warehouse, a barn complex, and beautiful gardens and grounds, surrounded by a historic adobe wall. The National Trust and Foothill Partners developed an innovative “shared use” vision, in which the property is shared by museum spaces and compatible commercial operations, in collaboration with the City of Monterey.

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This partnership caught the eye of the Route Fifty, who named the Cooper Molera team as a Navigator Award finalist. Over 300 nominations were submitted from across the country. The finalists will be judged on three measurements: innovation, implementation and outcomes. Awards will go to the finalists who brought change and innovation to their communities.

For more information about the Route Fifty Navigator Awards, visit routefifty.com. For more information about the Cooper Molera Adobe, visit coopermolera.org.

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