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Mid-Atlantic Construction Announces Best of 2009 Winners

VCU project honored as region's overall best

WASHINGTON, DC – Mid-Atlantic Construction magazine announced the winners of its Best of 2009 awards program today. After deliberating over a record number of entries, an independent jury selected The Walter L. Rice Education Building at the VCU Inger & Walter Rice Center for Environmental Life Sciences in Charles City, Va., as the region's Overall Project of the Year.

"This selection proves that great things can come in small packages," said Bruce Buckley, editor of Mid-Atlantic Construction, about the \$2.8-million 4,890-sq-ft winning project. "Our jury reviewed a record number of entries—including several megaprojects—and The Walter L. Rice Education Building rose above the rest in the eyes of our jurors."

The Walter L. Rice Education Building blends exceptional design with careful construction. It is the first building in Virginia to be awarded the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED platinum certification, and received 54 out of the required 52 credits. The building serves as the focal point for administrative, educational and outreach activities conducted by faculty, students and staff of the Rice Center, VCU's environmental field station. The sustainable aspects of the building also serve as an educational tool for students. The team had to adhere to an aggressive schedule while being cautious not to disrupt any of the research activities taking place on the site or adversely affect the ecosystem. KBS of Richmond, Va., is the general contractor. Train & Partners Architects of Charlottesville, Va., is the project architect.

The jury honored 40 projects in 16 categories, including Cultural, Governmental/Public, Green Projects, Healthcare, Higher Education/Research, Industrial, Interior Design/Tenant Improvement, K-12 Education, Multi-Family Residential/Hospitality, Office, Renovation/Restoration, Retail, Small Projects, Sports/Recreation, Transportation and Worship.

Three projects were also honored with Special Jury Awards in Architectural Design, Engineering Design, and Project Management.

The projects will be honored in the Winter 2009/2010 edition of Mid-Atlantic Construction and during an awards ceremony Dec. 11, 2009, in Baltimore, Md. In addition to honoring the firms who submitted the projects, all key team members will be recognized for their efforts.

The jury focused on those projects that best achieved the established goals of the project team; overcame significant challenges; adopted innovative approaches; executed exceptional design and craftsmanship; maintained safe sites; and displayed strong teamwork. Jurors were allowed to award one Project of the Year per category and multiple Awards of Merit. The jurors, who represent architects, engineers and general contractors, are all active members of the local building community. They abstained from voting on any projects with which they are affiliated or have a conflict of interest.

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Mid-Atlantic Construction Best of 2009

Overall

Project of the Year *The Walter L. Rice Education Building at the VCU Inger & Walter Rice Center for Environmental Life Sciences*

Cultural

Project of the Year *Please Touch Museum Relocation - Restoration of Memorial Hall*
Award of Merit *Ford's Theatre National Historic Site*

Government/Public

Project of the Year *Historic DC Courthouse*
Award of Merit *Combat Service Support Center, Army Logistics University*
Award of Merit *New Beginnings Youth Development Center*

Green Projects

Project of the Year *The Walter L. Rice Education Bldg. at VCU Inger & Walter Rice Center for Environmental Life Sciences*
Award of Merit *Lafayette Tower*
Award of Merit *Thomas Jefferson Foundation Monticello Visitor and Smith History Center*

Healthcare

Project of the Year *Helen F. Graham Cancer Center at Christiana Hospital*
Award of Merit *Children's National Medical Center NICU Expansion*

Higher Education/Research

Project of the Year *Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law*
Award of Merit *Drexel University, Millennium Hall Student Residence*
Award of Merit *River Center*

Industrial

Project of the Year *Magellan Trestle & Dolphins*

Interior Design/Tenant Improvement

Project of the Year *U.S. Green Building Council Headquarters*
Award of Merit *Blackboard*
Award of Merit *Microsoft WADC Relocation*
Award of Merit *RTC Relationship Marketing*

K-12

Project of the Year *Manassas Park Elementary School*
Award of Merit *Addison Elementary School*
Award of Merit *Lancaster Mennonite School - Rutt Academic Center*
Award of Merit *Marriott Hall*

Multi-Family Residential/Hospitality

Project of the Year *Lancaster Convention Center and Marriott Hotel*
Award of Merit *Allegro Apartments*
Award of Merit *The Residences at the Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia*

Office

Project of the Year *300 New Jersey Avenue*
Award of Merit *901 K Street*
Award of Merit *American Pharmacists Association Headquarters Building*
Award of Merit *CNX Center - CONSOL Energy Headquarters*

Renovation/Restoration

Project of the Year *Chinese Community Church*
Award of Merit *Takoma Park Library*

Retail

Project of the Year *Founding Farmers*
Award of Merit *Christina Crossing*
Award of Merit *Westchester Commons*

Small Projects

Project of the Year *Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill*
Award of Merit *2009 Presidential Inaugural Review Stands*
Award of Merit *KIPP DC: Will Academy*

Sports/Recreation

Project of the Year *Tyser Tower Renovation and Expansion*

Transportation

Project of the Year *Package 6, Main Terminal People Mover Station at Washington Dulles International Airport*

Worship

Project of the Year *Solomon G. Brown Corps Center*

Special Jury Awards

Architectural Design

Thomas Jefferson Foundation Monticello Visitor and Smith History Center

Engineering Design

Package 6, Main Terminal People Mover Station at Washington Dulles International Airport

Project Management

Combat Service Support Center, Army Logistics University