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### Mid-Atlantic Construction Announces Best of 2008 Winners

Philadelphia's Comcast Center honored as region's overall best

WASHINGTON, DC – Mid-Atlantic Construction magazine announced the winners of its Best of 2008 awards program today. After deliberating over a record number of entries, an independent jury selected the Comcast Center in Philadelphia, Pa., as the region's Overall Project of the Year.

"This was our most competitive awards program ever," said Bruce Buckley, managing editor of Mid-Atlantic Construction. "Although our jury poured over a record number of entries, the jurors remained highly selective in choosing the winners. Those honored in this year's awards program are truly considered the region's best by their peers."

The 58-floor, 975-ft Comcast Center has redefined the Philadelphia skyline. The glass-encased tower, which features 1.25 million sq ft of office, restaurant and commercial space and an 8-story winter garden, is the tallest building between New York City and Chicago and the tallest green building in the country. The project included approximately \$30 million of public improvements, including a new gateway to Suburban Station and renovation of the station's concourse and public plaza. It features a post-911 design with a concrete core surrounded by structural steel. Robert A.M. Stern Architects of New York is the project architect. L.F. Driscoll of Bala Cynwyd, Pa. is the construction manager. Hill International of Marlton, N.J. is the project manager.

The jury honored 38 projects in 19 categories, including Airport, Bridge, Cultural, Environmental, Green Projects, High-Rise Residential, Hospitality, Industrial, Institutional, Interior Fit-Out, Mixed-Use, Office, Park/Site/Landscaping, Renovation, Restoration, Retail, Small Projects (under \$5 million), Sports & Entertainment and Transit.

The projects will be honored in the Winter 2008 edition of Mid-Atlantic Construction and during an awards ceremony Dec. 12, 2008, 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; and exhibited exceptional teamwork. Jurors were allowed to award one Project of the Year per category and multiple Awards of Merit. Jurors could choose to not award a Project of the Year or Awards of Merit in the categories. 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.

Mid-Atlantic Construction is a quarterly magazine published by McGraw-Hill Companies that focuses on the people, projects and trends that affect the design and construction community in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, eastern Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. For more information on Mid-Atlantic Construction, see <http://midatlantic.construction.com>.

## Mid-Atlantic Construction Best of 2008

### Overall

Project of the Year Comcast Center

### Airport

Award of Merit Dulles 4th Runway and Associated Runways

### Bridge

Award of Merit The Wilson Bridge - Maryland Approach Spans

### Cultural

Project of the Year The Newseum

Award of Merit Art Museum of Western Virginia

### Environmental

Award of Merit Broad Run Water Reclamation Facility

### Green Projects

Project of the Year The Haverford School

Award of Merit American Speech - Language Hearing Association

Award of Merit BP America

Award of Merit Mortgage Bankers Assoc. Headquarters

Award of Merit The Tower Companies Headquarters

### High-Rise Residential

Project of the Year Gramercy at Metropolitan Park

Award of Merit 22 West

Award of Merit Silo Point Condominiums

Award of Merit The Radian

### Hospitality

Project of the Year Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center

Award of Merit Hilton Baltimore Convention Center Hotel

### Industrial

Award of Merit Equinix Data Center

### Institutional

Project of the Year New Library – Morgan State University

Award of Merit Gallaudet University - James Lee Sorenson Language and Communication Center

Award of Merit Paul J. Sweeney Public Safety Building

Award of Merit Snead Hall, School of Business and East Hall, School of Engineering

### Interior Fit-Out

Award of Merit ATA Headquarters

Award of Merit I. Gorman Jewelers

Award of Merit U.S. Capitol Visitor Center - House and Senate Shell Space

### Mixed-Use

Award of Merit Jenkins Row

Award of Merit Justison Landing

Award of Merit Union Row

### Office

Project of the Year Comcast Center

Award of Merit Columbia Center

**Park/Site/Landscaping**

Project of the Year Pentagon Memorial

**Renovation**

Award of Merit Park Village at The Villages of Belvoir

Award of Merit UVA South Chiller Plan Expansion Phase II

**Restoration**

Project of the Year Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center

Award of Merit King Hall Restoration - US Naval Academy

**Retail**

Award of Merit DC USA

**Small Projects (under \$5 million)**

Project of the Year Valley Green Bank, Chestnut Hill

**Sports & Entertainment**

Project of the Year Nationals Park

**Transit**

Award of Merit Brentwood Shop Expansion