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Leading engineering and building construction organizations receive prestigious Architectural Engineering Institute Professional Project Awards

Reston, Va. – The American Society of Civil Engineer’s (ASCE) Architectural Engineering Institute (AEI) recently honored four organizations that work within the architectural engineering industry with professional project awards at the 2014 AEI National Student Conference March 29 at Drexel University in Philadelphia. Skidmore Owings and Merrill, LLP and Barton Malow Company won the top awards; and Southland Industries and SmithGroup JJR both won awards of merit.

The competition focuses on the design and construction of high performance buildings including structural, mechanical and electrical systems, as well as construction management and architectural engineering integration.

The 2014 projects and award recipients were as follows:

- **Best Overall Project** – Penn State University South Halls, Renovation and New Construction, Phase 1, Barton Malow Company
- **The Most Innovative Project** – Pearl River Tower, Skidmore Owings and Merrill, LLP – Chicago
- **Mechanical Award of Excellence** – Pearl River Tower, Skidmore Owings and Merrill, LLP – Chicago
- **Mechanical Award of Merit** – Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Southland Industries
- **Structural Award of Excellence** – Tianjin Global Financial Center, Skidmore Owings and Merrill, LLP – San Francisco
- **Architectural Engineering Integration Award of Excellence** – Zhengzhou Greenland Plaza, Skidmore Owings and Merrill, LLP - Chicago
- **Architectural Engineering Integration Award of Merit** – Oakland University Human Health Building, SmithGroup JJR
- **Construction Management Award of Excellence** – Penn State University South Halls, Renovation and New Construction Phase 1, Barton Malow Company

Submissions were evaluated and judged based on the following criteria in priority order: originality and innovative character; integration and collaboration; and sustainability, energy efficiency and economics.

“These award winners represent some of the nation’s most cutting-edge firms in the design and construction of high performance buildings,” said Bob Grottenthaler, senior vice president of Barton Malow Company and AEI board member. “I’m honored to have had the opportunity to oversee the jurors who selected these outstanding organizations to receive this year’s awards.”

The AEI Professional Project Award program publicly acknowledges outstanding achievement in design and construction of buildings and educates students and professionals on the art and science of an integrated approach to architectural engineering.

The projects were reviewed by a committee of five jurors, including representatives from the AEI Board of Governors.

Founded in 1852, the American Society of Civil Engineers represents more than 145,000 civil engineers worldwide and is America’s oldest national engineering society.

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