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

Reston, Va. – The American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) <u>Architectural Engineering Institute</u> (AEI) recently honored 13 organizations that work within the architectural engineering industry with professional project awards at the AEI Conference 2015, March 27, at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee, Wis. HGA Architects & Engineers (HGA) and Jaros, Baum & Bolles won the top awards; and Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger (SGH) and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) Chicago both won awards for the most innovative projects.

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 2015 projects and award recipients were as follows:

- Best Overall Projects Museum of Wisconsin Art, HGA Architects & Engineers (HGA) (Less than \$100 million); Weill Cornell Medical College Belfer Research Building, Jaros, Baum & Bolles (greater than \$100 million)
- The Most Innovative Projects Baha'i Temple of South America, Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger (SGH) (less than \$100 million); China Merchants Tower & Woods Park, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) Chicago (greater than \$100 million)
- Mechanical Award of Excellence China Merchants Tower & Woods Park, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) Chicago
- Mechanical Awards of Merit Museum of Wisconsin Art, HGA; The North Dakota Heritage Center State Museum, HGA Architects & Engineers (HGA)
- Structural Award of Excellence Emerson College Los Angeles, John A. Martin & Associates
- Structural Awards of Merit Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport Terminal 2, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) New York; San Bernardino Justice Center, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) San Francisco
- Electrical Award of Excellence Winston Salem Hill Hall Renovation & New Student Center, Clark Nexsen
- Lighting Award of Excellence Weill Cornell Medical College Belfer Research Building, Jaros, Baum & Bolles
- Lighting Award of Merit Myriad Botanical Gardens Lighting Renovation, Alvine

- Architectural Engineering Integration Award of Excellence Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport Terminal 2, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) New York
- Architectural Engineering Integration Awards of Merit -- Baha'i Temple of South America, Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger (SGH); China Merchants Tower & Woods Park, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) Chicago; Jacob K. Javits Convention Center Renovation, Weidlinger Associates, Inc. (WAI); Weill Cornell Medical College Belfer Research Building, Jaros, Baum & Bolles
- **Construction Management Award of Excellence** Schreiber Foods Home Office & Global Tech Center, Gilbane Co.
- **Construction Management Award of Merit** Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies, James G. Davis Construction Corporation

Submissions were evaluated and judged based on the following criteria: originality and innovative character; integration and collaboration; sustainability; energy efficiency and economics; effective use of technology; and constructability and site logistics.

"These award winners represent some of the nation's most innovative 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 pleased to once again have had the opportunity to oversee the selection of these outstanding award winners."

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

The projects were reviewed by a committee of 14 jurors including distinguished members of the design and construction industry and representatives from the AEI Board of Governors and the Academic Council.

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