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BSA announces 2009 Sustainable Design Awards

Boston, MA (April 3, 2009) – The Boston Children's Museum by Cambridge Seven Associates and the World Headquarters for the International Fund for Animal Welfare by designLAB architects received Honor Awards for Design Excellence in the Boston Society of Architects' 2009 Sustainable Design Awards program.

Now in its eighth year, this biennial design awards program is co-sponsored by the AIA New York Chapter and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The jury examined 53 submissions and identified 13 projects that stand out as examples of sustainable design that is also beautiful. Read their comments at www.architects.org/documents/awards/sustainable/sustainableJuryComments2009.pdf.

The expansion of The Boston Children's Museum's visitor services and extensive gallery renovation "has created a wonderful place to educate children about sustainability hand-in-hand with the other educational programs," wrote the jury. "The landscaping and building are carefully integrated to offer exceptional storm-water management and protection of the adjacent Fort Point Channel."

The remediation and reconstruction of a brownfield site provided a new home for the International Fund for Animal Welfare's nearly 200 employees on Cape Cod. The project "brilliantly addresses sustainability issues from a number of angles, including land protection, water management and siting," wrote the jury.

Four projects won Design Awards in the 2009 program. They were:

- New England Biolabs (Ipswich MA) for New England Biolabs by TRO Jung|Brannen (Boston)
- Garthwaite Center for Science and Art (Weston MA) for The Cambridge School of Weston by Architerra (Boston)
- Gary C. Comer Geochemistry Building at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (Palisades NY) for Columbia University by Payette (Boston)
- Axinn Center at Starr Library for Middlebury College (VT) by CBT (Boston)

In addition, seven projects were recognized with citations in the 2009 program:

- A Post Office Square office renovation for Leggat McCall Properties (Boston) by Audrey O'Hagan Architects (Newton MA) received a citation for low-waste flexibility in a modern office space.
- The West Basin House (Santa Fe NM) for Fred and JJ Milder by Signer Harris Architects (Boston) with WoodMetalConcrete Architecture received a citation for off-grid housing.
- GreenPix (Beijing, China) for Jingya Corp. by Simone Giostra and Partners (Brooklyn NY) received a citation for innovative use of solar technology.

- Jamaica Plain Cohousing (Jamaica Plain MA) for Jamaica Plain Cohousing Members by Kraus-Fitch Architects (Amherst MA) and Domenech Hicks & Krockmalnic Architects (Boston) received a citation for social sustainability.
- Cellophane House (New York) for Museum of Modern Art exhibit by KieranTimberlake received a citation for reusability of materials and components.
- Davis Student Village for College of the Atlantic (Bar Harbor ME) by Coldham & Hartman Architects (Amherst MA) received a citation for student housing.
- Southworks Lakeside Chicago Development (Chicago) by Sasaki Associates (Watertown MA) received a citation for urban design and masterplanning.

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