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Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute Announces 2008 Design Awards Winners

SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS, May 25, 2008 – The Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) would like to announce the winners of their biennial 2008 CRSI Design Awards program. For more than 35 years, the CRSI Design Awards program has honored excellence in site-cast and conventionally reinforced concrete structures and acknowledged their designers. The CRSI Design Awards program is open to architects, engineers and contractors – entrants may be individuals or teams. Eligible structures must be located in the United States, Canada or Mexico.

Winners are as follows:

Bridge Category

Award Winners

I-280 Veterans' Glass City Skyway, Toledo OH

Submitted by Figg of Tallahassee, Florida. Fabricated by R.J. Rebar, Inc., of Muncie, Indiana.

Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory, Penobscot, Maine

Submitted by Figg of Tallahassee, Florida. Fabricated by Harris Rebar Boston, West Wareham, Maine.

Honorable Mentions

Victory Bridge, Perth Amboy and Sayreville, New Jersey

Submitted by Figg of Tallahassee, Florida. Fabricated by Harris Rebar of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

NW Maple Avenue Bridge, Redmond, Oregon

Submitted by OBEC Consulting Engineers, Eugene, Oregon. Fabricated by R2M2 Rebar & Stressing, Portland, Oregon.

Lee Roy Selmon Crosstown Expressway Expansion between Brandon and Tampa, Florida

Submitted by Figg of Tallahassee, Florida. Fabricated by Ameristeel of Tampa, Florida.

Commercial Buildings Category

Award Winner

Biosite Headquarters Campus, San Diego, California

Submitted by Delawie Wilkes Rodrigues Barker Architects, San Diego, California. Fabricated by Pacific Coast Steel of San Diego, California.

Education & Healthcare Facilities Category

Award Winners

Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Janella Farm Research Campus, Ashburn, Virginia

Submitted by Rafael Vinoly Architects, PC of New York, New York. Fabricated by Trowbridge Steel Company, Sterling, Virginia.

Applied Research & Development Facility/Northern Arizona State University, Flagstaff, Arizona

Submitted by Buens Wald-Hopkins Architects, Tucson, Arizona. Fabricated by Powers Steel & Wire, Phoenix, Arizona.

Honorable Mention

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center North Campus Phase IV, Dallas, Texas

Submitted by Datum Engineers, Inc., Dallas, Texas. Fabricated by CMC Rebar, Dallas, Texas.

Public Buildings Category

Pasadena City Hall Seismic Rehabilitation, Pasadena, California

Submitted by Morley Construction Company. Fabricated by Alamillo Steel, Concord, California.

Residential Buildings Category

One King West, Toronto, Ontario

Submitted by Halcrow Yolles, Toronto, Ontario. Fabricated by Harris Rebar of Stoney Creek, Ontario.

Honorable Mention

The Argyle, Vancouver, British Columbia

Submitted by Glotman-Simpson Consulting Engineers, Vancouver, British Columbia. Fabricated by Lower Mainland Steel, Surrey, British Columbia.

Transportation Facilities Category

Honorable Mention

Bull Street Parking Garage Addition, Columbia, South Carolina

Submitted by Watson Tate Savory Architects, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina. Fabricated by SMI Rebar of Columbia, South Carolina.

Entries were evaluated on aesthetics, innovation, engineering achievement, functional excellence and economy of construction. According to Bob Risser, PE, CRSI President, "The inherently flexible properties of reinforced concrete enables professionals to express their unique vision in building and bridge projects. The CRSI Design Awards program recognizes designers for their creativity in using this great material."

Through their publishing of industry standards and promotion of reinforcing steel, CRSI is the accepted authority for steel reinforcement in concrete design and construction. For a complete description of the CRSI Design Awards program and full contest rules, visit the CRSI website - www.crsi.org/awards.html.

About the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute

Founded in 1924, the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) is a trade association that stands as the authoritative resource for information related to steel reinforced concrete construction. Serving the needs of architects, engineers and construction professionals, CRSI offers many technical publications, design aids, software programs, educational seminars, promotional activities, membership functions and design award programs. CRSI members are manufacturers, fabricators and placers of steel reinforcing bar and related products, and professionals who are involved in the research, design and construction of reinforced concrete. Serving the construction market in the United States, Canada and Mexico, CRSI is headquartered in Schaumburg, Illinois with regional offices located across the United States.