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### **Seven Commercial, Entertainment Projects Honored in 2010 PCI Design Awards**

*Parking structures, institutional buildings, schools, justice facilities, housing developments, and bridges also recognized for design excellence, sustainability, and innovation*

CHICAGO, Ill. – In all, 28 projects, comprising 22 buildings and six bridges throughout North America, were named winners in the 2010 PCI Design Awards competition sponsored by the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute. “These outstanding projects were singled out for extraordinary design, sustainability, contextual integrity, attention to detail, innovation, speed of construction, and industry advancement,” says Gregory Georgis, Buildings jury member and president of Georgis Design+Development. “The wide range of entries highlights the versatility of precast concrete systems and the innovative ways in which architects are capitalizing on the constructability and affordability of precast concrete to meet design challenges.”

#### **Commercial Designs**

Of the annual competition's 28 winning projects, seven—including offices, retail and

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mixed-use buildings, a stadium and a data center—were selected in the Commercial and Entertainment category. The winning Commercial and Entertainment projects are:

- **American Pharmacists Association**, a mid-rise office building in Washington, D.C., designed by Hartman-Cox Architects LLP, Washington. An addition to a landmark ceremonial building on the Mall in Washington, this project design employs stepped massing, numerous plane changes, belt courses, cornices, and window surrounds to maintain the identity and detailing of the smaller existing structure.
- **MetWest One at MetWest International**, a high-rise office in Tampa, Fla., designed by tvsdesign, Atlanta, Ga. This design adds distinction to a rectilinear window-wall grid by using reveals and surface projections at selected window locations to create shadows, depth, and articulation. The structure is capped with a “floating” precast concrete parapet. The precaster was Gate Precast Co., Kissimmee, Fla.
- **Elysian**, a retail/mixed use project in Chicago, Ill., designed by Lucien Lagrange Architects of Chicago. The 60-story tower capitalizes on highly textured, carefully composed elevations to create a sense of old-world elegance. A richly detailed, French-style motor court, complete with decorative precast stone joinery and cornices, provides a refined sense of arrival for the development.
- **Virginia Tech, Hahn Hurst Basketball Practice Center**, in Blacksburg, Va., winner in the Stadiums category, was designed by Cannon Design, Baltimore, Md., with precast components provided by Smith-Midland Corp., Midland, Va. Exterior precast panel walls on this 49,000-square-foot basketball facility feature a buff limestone finish, detailed copings, sills, and window surrounds to blend with the existing campus architecture. Several custom imprints, such as basketballs and logos, were also cast into some panels. An accelerated erection schedule took just one month.
- **GSK Data Center**, designed by Jacobs, St. Louis, Mo., won the Manufacturing Facilities category. The articulation of materials, varied geometric shapes, and mixture of ribbed

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and smooth architectural precast concrete panels, in a variety of sizes and with multiple types of embeds, prevents the boxy look of typical industrial facilities. The modularity and speed of erection fit the project's extremely tight schedule. Precast concrete components were supplied by Oldcastle Precast Building Systems, Edgewood, Md.

- **Molin Engineering & Drafting Office Building** in Lino Lakes, Minn., was selected as the Sustainable Design winner. The architect was Professional Design Group Inc., Northfield, Minn., and the precaster was Molin Concrete Products Co., Lino Lakes. Emphasis was placed on demonstrating the sustainability of precast concrete components in this office structure. Included are precast roof slabs, topped with a white roof and fitted with tubular skylights for daylighting, and insulated precast walls and sunshades. The R26 walls contain 40% fly ash and 42% postconsumer content, and the building as a whole has 21.5% recycled content. Water consumption is cut by 34% and energy use by 28.4%.
- **Missoula Federal Credit Union Russell Street Branch**, in Missoula, Mont., was selected as a cowinner for the Harry H. Edwards Award for industry advancement. It was also awarded an honorable mention for Sustainable Design. The designer was MacArthur, Means & Wells, Architects, Missoula, and the precaster was Missoula Concrete Construction, also of Missoula. Awarded LEED-NC v2.2 platinum certification, the structure is billed as the first in the world with all concrete made of 100% recycled content (fly ash and recycled glass aggregate). The project also reuses an old building site and employs regional materials, water-efficient landscaping, low-flow fixtures, stormwater management, reflective roof, photovoltaics, ground water cooling, and renewable power sources. IAQ management, daylighting, thermal controls, and efficient HVAC/lighting cut energy use by 50.8%.

The judging panels also selected four commercial and entertainment projects to receive Honorable Mention awards, including:

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- **Midtown Crossing at Turner Park**, a mixed-use project in Omaha, Neb., designed by
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Holland Basham Architects, Omaha, with precast components supplied by Enterprise Precast Concrete Inc., Omaha.

- **Indiana University Memorial Stadium North End Zone Addition**, Bloomington, Ind., designed by Ratio Architects Inc., Indianapolis, Ind., with precast components supplied by Gate Precast Co., Winchester, Ky.
- **Train Terminal Forum Buenavista** in Mexico City, designed by RTKL Architects, Chicago, Ill.
- **Lewis and Clark Memorial Tower** in Hartford, Ill., designed by KAI Design & Build, St. Louis, Mo., with precast components supplied by High Concrete Group LLC, Springboro, Ohio.

Overall, the winning projects represented a broad range of building and bridge types, including offices, mixed-use projects, public and institutional buildings, schools, parking structures, stadiums, prisons, manufacturing facilities, single-family and multifamily housing, and custom solutions. Bridge winners included structures in three span-length categories, plus nonhighway bridges and custom solutions. For a complete list of winners, along with detailed project information and photos, visit [www.pcidesignawards.org](http://www.pcidesignawards.org).

## **Independent Judges**

Judges for the 2010 PCI Design Awards consisted of three panels focusing on Buildings; Bridges; and special awards for Sustainability, All-Precast Solutions, and the Harry H. Edwards Award for industry advancement.

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The Buildings jury included Gregory Georgis, president of Georgis Design + Development; architect Jay Longo from Gensler; Katie Gerfen, senior editor with

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*Architect* magazine; Walter Hainsfurther, president of Kurtz Associates Architects and vice president of the American Institute of Architects; and Stuart Howard, president elect, Royal Institute of Architects. Special Award judges included Tom McCluskey, president of McCluskey Engineering Corporation; Jason Lien, vice president of engineering for Encon United; and George Tuhowski, chair, USGBC Chicago. The Bridges jury included Ralph Anderson, Illinois DOT; Vijay Chandra, senior vice president of Parsons Brinckerhoff; and Myint Lwin, Office of Bridge Technology, Federal Highway Administration.

For more information about the 2010 PCI Design Award winners, including project photography and details on all 28 award-winning designs, visit the PCI website at [www.pci.org](http://www.pci.org) or contact Brian Miller, managing director, Business Development, Tel: (312) 360-3216; Fax (312) 786-0353; or Email: [bmiller@pci.org](mailto:bmiller@pci.org).

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