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**ARCHITECTS UNVEIL DESIGN
COMPETITION WINNER!**

*With the Selection of a Winning Design,
a New Headquarters Becomes More Than an Idea*



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On January 23, 2008, more than 400 people, including AIA members, public visitors, invited guests, 3 AIA National Presidents and students gathered in the Fletcher Opera Theater in Raleigh to see the results of the unprecedented Design Competition for the New AIA North Carolina Headquarters.

This competition began in November, 2007, and came to a dramatic conclusion on Wednesday when those who were on hand watched the nationally-acclaimed panel of jurors as they announced the following winners for the design of a new landmark building to be constructed at the corner of Peace and Wilmington Streets in downtown Raleigh:

First Place: Frank Harmon Architect (Raleigh)

Second Place: Pearce, Brinkley, Cease + Lee, P.A. (Raleigh)

Third Place: Kenneth E. Hobgood, Architects (Raleigh)

Merit citations were also awarded to: LS3P (Wilmington); Mathews Architecture, P.A (Asheville), and Angerio Design, PLLC (Raleigh).

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The American Institute of Architects, North Carolina Chapter (AIA NC), which serves over 2,300 professionals statewide, has been working toward new facilities since 2004, when the leadership recognized that they had outgrown their Water Tower home on Morgan Street in downtown Raleigh. But how would a group of architects choose an architect to design a building for architects? "It was the obvious and only solution to conduct a Design Competition for the new Headquarters," says David Crawford, Executive Vice President for the organization, "with all the design talent in this State, we knew we would get stunning results from opening up the creative process."

The new building will create a space that will inform the public about the value of architects and architecture, enhance service to AIA NC members, promote the profession and quality environments for living, become an important community asset and most importantly, educate visitors about good design. Crawford says that they have made it a goal to use their new facilities to teach the public about what it means to design with the environment and the future in mind.

"The new building will be our testament to sustainable architecture, the built environment, and the role of architects in this endeavor," says Walt Teague, the Immediate Past President of AIA North Carolina from Greensboro and the new facilities project director. The building will be designed to meet both LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards as well as the AIA's COTE (Committee on the Environment) goals, which include regional connectivity strategies, land use and site ecology, sustainable materials and methods of construction, reduced water usage, and increased energy efficiency.

In describing his new design, Harmon explains that the building and landscape are designed as one interlocking, interdependent system, deferring to the natural topography and reusing every shovelful of earth. The innovative parking garden functions as open green space for Chapter and community events and eliminates storm water runoff. The design strategies employed in the new facility will hopefully represent a new model for development throughout the community.

"AIA North Carolina has just completed an historic event, which could not have been done without the tireless and countless hours of effort given graciously by dedicated members," notes Wayne Camas, AIA, the current AIA NC President from Charlotte. Crawford agrees, noting that Frank Harmon will be designing a building that symbolizes **AIA NC's \$4.5M investment in North Carolina** - and creating the new home that will represent all that architects contribute to their communities. "We have a lot of work to do...and a lot to be proud of! We want to congratulate all 48 firms that submitted entries and shared their vision for an important new development in the Capital City.!"

The competition was professionally managed by **William McMinn, FAIA**, Dean Emeritus of Cornell University College of Architecture and former Dean at three other university architecture schools. McMinn was joined by jurors **Daniel Bennett, FAIA**, the Dean of the College of Architecture at Auburn University in Alabama; **Allison Ewing, AIA, LEED® AP**, a partner of Hays + Ewing Design Studio in Charlottesville, Virginia; **M. David Lee, FAIA**, partner at Stull & Lee in Boston, Massachusetts; and Jury Chair, **Susan Maxman, FAIA**, founder and Design Principal of SMP Architects in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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