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AGC of Mass. honors Build New England award winners

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Building owners, architects and constructors were on hand at the Intercontinental Hotel on October 1st to celebrate the AGC of Mass. Build New England award winners for outstanding project teams who designed and built some remarkably complex facilities. The buildings included offices, healthcare facilities, schools, laboratories and academic institutions from across New England.

As buildings become more sophisticated and their owners continue to recognize the value of high performance buildings, the communication and joint efforts of the project team become more important than ever. Many of the project teams, in addition to delivering quality buildings, have gone far beyond the building process to offer community tours, web cams of the progress, student involvement in school construction and much more.

The gala recognized the owner/developer, primary designers and contractors for their collaborative efforts to bring the project to a successful conclusion. Jurors representing many disciplines from the built environment spent countless hours reviewing the submissions, and the winners were presented at the reception and dinner gala.

Receiving the Grand Honor Chairman's Award went to the team completing the Center for Life Science in Boston. The facility houses state-of-the-art research facilities for some of the nation's most promising and advanced work in biomedical science. The team of William A. Berry & Son, constructor; architect Tsoi/Kobus & Associates and the owner, BioMed Realty Trust were on hand to receive the coveted award.

Twenty-one additional teams were honored by AGC of Mass. in the categories of honor, merit and performance for their expertise and collaborative efforts.

The awards program was initiated in 1991 by AGC of Mass. to recognize project teams who work together to plan, design and construct the facilities we all use everyday.

AGC Build New England Award Winners

Six teams received honor awards:

- * Tocci Building Corp., constructor; KlingStubbins, architect; Autodesk, Inc., owner for the Autodesk AEC headquarters, Waltham.
- * Skanska USA Building, program manager; Sebesta Blomberg, architect; Harbor Towers Board of Trustees, owner for Harbor Towers renovation, Boston.
- * Shawmut Design and Construction, constructor; Hellmuth Obata Kassabaum, architect; Rhode Island Hospital for the Rhode Island Hospital bridge project, Providence.
- * William A. Berry & Son, constructor; TRO Jung Brannen, architect; Maine Medical Center, owner for the Maine Medical Center addition, Portland.
- * Consigli Construction, constructor; Chan Krieger Sieniewicz, architect; The Greater Boston Food Bank, owner for The Greater Boston Food Bank Yawkey Distribution Center, Boston.

- * Erland Construction, constructor; Cliffford/Hoffman Associates, architect; Sepracor, owner for the Sepracor building 2, Marlborough.
- * PJ Stella Construction Corp., constructor; Tappe Associates, architect; Municipal Building Consultants, project manager; City of Melrose, owner

Merit award winners included the following seven project teams:

- * William A. Berry & Son, constructor; Cannon Design (with Chan Krieger Sieniewicz), architects; Brigham & Women's Hospital, owner for Carl J. and Ruth Shapiro Cardiovascular Center, Boston.
- * Marc Truant & Associates, constructor; Mills Whitaker Architects, architect; Park Street Church, owner for the Park Street Church renovations, Boston.
- * G. Greene Construction, constructor; Martin Batt Architects, architect; Children's Hospital, owner for The Yawkey Family Inn on Kent St., Brookline.
- * Consigli Construction, constructor; Smith Edwards Architects, architect; Trinity College, owner for Trinity College Long Walk restoration, Hartford.
- * Daniel O'Connell's Sons, constructor; Moshe Safdie & Associates, architect; General Services Administration, owner for the U.S. Federal Court House, Springfield.
- * Walsh Brothers Inc., constructor, Shepley Bulfinch Richardson & Abbott, architect; Partners Healthcare System, owner for the Mass. General North Shore Center for outpatient care, Danvers.
- * Shawmut Design and Construction, constructor; Cambridge Seven Associates, architect; Boston Children's Museum, owner for the Boston Children's Museum addition/renovation, Boston.

Seven teams were winners in the performance category:

- * Barr & Barr Builders, constructor; Signer Harris Architects, architect; St. Ann's Home & School, owner for the Adolescent Center at St. Ann's home & school, Methuen.
- * Bond Brothers, constructor; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, architect; Harvard University Faculty of Arts & Sciences, owner for the Harvard University northwest laboratory, Cambridge.
- * Cutler Associates, constructor; SMOOK Architecture & Urban Design, architect; The Grantham Group, owner for Christopher Heights of Marlborough.
- * Erland Construction, constructor; Prellwitz/Chilinski Associates, architect; Mass. State College Building Authority, owner for the Mass. Maritime Academy's cadet dormitory renovation & expansion, Buzzards Bay.
- * Lee Kennedy Company, constructor; Banwell Architects, architect; School Administrative Unit Number 9, owner for Kennett High School and Mount Washington Valley Career & Technical Center, North Conway.
- * O&G Industries, constructor, PB Power, designer; Braintree Electric Light Department, owner for the Thomas A. Watson generating station, Braintree.
- * W.T Rich Company, constructor; HMFH Architects, architect, City of Cambridge, owner for the Cambridge War Memorial and Field House renovations, Cambridge.