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ARC wins two interior design awards from IIDA New England

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ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge won two awards at the annual awards event organized by the New England Chapter of International Interior Design Association (IIDA).

ARC received the award for the best research/lab interior for Genzyme Corp.'s science center in Framingham, Mass., and an honorable mention in the education category for the a student services center at Johnson & Wales University in Providence.

Previously, the Genzyme science center received the "Life Sciences Project of the Year" award from the New England Chapter of CoreNet Global, the world's leading professional association for corporate real estate and workplace executives. Located on Genzyme Corp.'s Framingham, Mass. campus, the science center, a 180,000 s/f laboratory and administrative building, also earned LEED Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council and is one of only a few laboratories in the nation to achieve this high rating.

The ARC-designed 30,000 s/f student services center at the DOWncity campus of Johnson & Wales University (JWU), also recently won the "Rehabilitation Award" from the Providence Preservation Society. Located at 274 Pine St. and known to many as the former Rolo Building, this two-story structure was originally built in 1921 and is a remnant of Providence's history as a center of jewelry manufacturing. JWU commissioned ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge to design an adaptive reuse that respected the building's historic architectural integrity while integrating modern amenities and institutional requirements.

"We're very pleased to receive these awards as they recognize ARC's commitment to design quality and innovation" said ARC president Philip Laird, AIA, LEED AP.

Founded in 1969, ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge is one of the nation's leading architectural, planning interior design and planning firms specializing in educational, sports, science, and corporate facilities. With an emphasis on innovative and sustainable design, the firm has garnered more than 70 awards from a wide range of professional organizations and publications. Corporate clients include Genzyme, Millipore, Abbott Laboratories and VMware. ARC also has extensive college and university experience with clients such as Boston College, Boston University, Duke, Harvard, Johnson & Wales, MIT, Princeton, Tufts and UMass, among others. For more information, visit: www.arcusa.com.

About the International Interior Design Association (IIDA):

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