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California Construction Announces Best of 2009 Winners

McGraw-Hill Construction publication honors state's top construction, design projects

SAN FRANCISCO – September 28, 2009 – *California Construction* magazine is pleased to announce the winners of its Best of 2009 awards program.

The statewide competition annually recognizes construction and design excellence in Northern and Southern California.

An independent jury of industry experts in design and construction judged more than 125 nominated projects in a variety of categories.

Eligible projects must have been completed between September 1, 2008 and Aug. 31, 2009.

The 64 winners will be featured in the December 2009 issue of *California Construction* and will be honored at an awards breakfast on Dec. 8 at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco and Dec. 9 at the Renaissance Long Beach Hotel in Long Beach.

The jury, which met in mid-September, awarded points to construction submissions based on criteria including project management, overcoming challenges of the job, overall excellence in architectural or engineering design, innovation, safety and the contribution to the community and/or the construction industry, among other criteria.

This year's judges included, in Southern California, Wendell Clark, business development director, J.D. Diffenbaugh; David Rova, director of design, HMC Architects; Gwen Stone-Garis, vice president, National Association of Women in Construction, San Gabriel Valley Chapter #110; Greg Stedman, regional vice president, KHS&S Contractors; and Peter Tuma, vice president of construction, Taisei Construction.

In Northern California, the judges were Lori Reed, director of marketing and communications, American Institute of Architects, California Council; C. Keith Boswell, AIA, director, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP; Simin Naaseh, SE, president & CEO, Forell/Elsesser Engineers Inc.; Phil Williams, vice president, Webcor Builders; Kirsten Ritchie, associate principal/director of sustainable design, Gensler; and Phil Varni, district manager, Associated General Contractors of California.

(Judges could not vote on projects they were affiliated with or their company had worked on.)

Most categories have at least one "Best Of" award winner or an Award of Merit winner; some categories had more than one winner for an Award of Merit. Each region has one Overall Top Project winner.

(On the following pages, please find the winners listed by award.) All submitting firms and project team members are invited to register for the awards breakfast. For more information, call 866-727-3820 or visit <http://www.construction.com/events/bestof2009>

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Southern California Winners

Overall Top Project

Ronald McDonald House

Outstanding Architectural Design

Sony Electronics North American Headquarters

Outstanding Project Management (Large)

LAC + USC Medical Replacement Facility

Outstanding Project Management (Small)

Ronald McDonald House

Community Building Award

Yorba Linda Veterans Memorial

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