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AIA lauds trio of architecture firms

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Columbus designers of three public-sector real estate projects stood out among 56 entries in the 2008 design competition sponsored by the Columbus chapter of the **American Institute of Architects**.

Schooley Caldwell Associates Inc. won an Honor Award for the renovation of the former Lazarus department store in Columbus into government offices. Lincoln Street Studio Ltd. won top recognition for its design of the Entrepreneurship Innovation Center at **Lorain County Community College**, while WSA Studio got an Honor Award for its role in the design of the Knowlton School of Architecture academic building at **Ohio State University**.

The chapter recognized winners at a Nov. 13 ceremony.

AIA Columbus also presented five Merit awards, including one for NBBJ's design of **Cleveland State University's** College of Education and Human Services, which is the only one not yet built. Merit awards also went to Meyers & Associates, for its design of **Abercrombie & Fitch Co.**'s Building U in New Albany; **Moody Nolan Inc.**'s design of OSU's Recreation and Physical Activity Center; and **Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design LLC's** Brewer's Gate condos in Columbus. NBBJ also won a Merit Award for interior design for the Psychology Building at **Miami University**.

Comments from jurors on the design of the Lazarus office building by Schooley Caldwell Architects:

"This renovation project returned this building back to the public realm."

"Opening the two-story space at street level softened this massive block, giving it more of a pedestrian scale."

Comments from jurors on WSA Studio's work on Ohio State's Knowlton School of Architecture:

"This building implies all aspects of great architecture, which is especially important where students are taught the craft."

"The skin creates its own precinct within a wide-open site. The austerity of the exterior envelope opens up to reveal delicate interiors and well-considered spaces."

Jurors' comments on Lincoln Street Studio's design for Lorain County Community College's Entrepreneurship Innovation Center in Elyria:

"The plan demonstrated great skill: circulation oriented back toward the views of the wetlands; large-scale, interior-oriented spaces faced toward the less-desirable parking lot across the street; the building structure was expressive in the plan."

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