

Miller Hull and Lord Aeck Sargent's Kendeda Building Receives a National AIA Honor Award for Architecture

The First Living Building in the Southeast United States is Awarded the Highest Honor in Architecture

(Seattle, WA) February 2022 — The Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design at Georgia Tech received a National AIA Honor Award for Architecture, showcasing the alignment of high sustainability and beautiful design. The achievement makes The Kendeda Building Miller Hull's first project to be awarded both a Committee on the Environment (COTE) and Architecture Award from the institute and is the first fully certified Living Building to do so. The prestigious award celebrates the best contemporary architecture across the United States regardless of budget, size, style, or type, and highlights the many ways buildings and spaces can improve our lives. This year's nine-member jury selected submissions that demonstrate thoughtful design and include a sense of place, purpose, history, and environmental sustainability.

“Sustainable architecture has made significant leaps in the past decade and has demonstrated that regenerative design is both imperative and beautiful. This new building offers an iconic design that is equally aspirational and reflective of the partnership's values.” - AIA Jury



Designed by [The Miller Hull Partnership](#) in collaboration with [Lord Aeck Sargent](#), The Kendeda Building achieved Living Building Challenge certification in 2021 followed by an AIA COTE Top Ten award later in the year. Meeting all seven Petals in the Living Building Challenge — Place, Water, Energy, Health +

Happiness, Materials, Equity, and Beauty — the project is the first Living Certified building of its scale in the Southeast U.S., where a mixed-humid climate featuring periods of intense rainfall poses many challenges. Over the course of the performance period, the building generated enough energy from its rooftop solar panels to power all of its electrical systems, store additional power in its batteries, and export excess to other campus facilities. It also collected, treated, and infiltrated 100% of the site rainfall while supplying potable water for all its building functions.

The building's goal is to support the educational mission of Georgia Tech while transforming the architecture, engineering, and construction industry in the Southeast U.S. by advancing regenerative building and innovation, and showcasing synergies between environmental stewardship, social equity, and economic development. Regenerative buildings create more resources than they use, including energy and water. Through the act of creating buildings that are regenerative, the project team and Georgia Tech are charting a path for others to reverse climate change, support human health, and address social inequalities

About The Miller Hull Partnership, LLP

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Georgia Institute of Technology

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The Kendeda Fund

The Kendeda Fund is a private Atlanta-based grant making foundation that supports the dignity of individuals and the sustainability of communities through investments in transformative leaders and ideas. Founded in 1993 under the guidance and vision of Diana Blank, the Fund has made more than \$800 million in grants since its inception. By the time Kendeda concludes its grant making at the end of 2023, the Fund hopes to have developed new pathways for solving seemingly intractable problems and advanced solutions benefitting people and planet. <http://www.kendeda.org/>

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