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Lord, Aeck & Sargent Wins Three AIA Honor Awards

ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 2, 2007 – Lord, Aeck & Sargent walked away last month with three Honor Awards from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Huron Valley chapter. In the Building Category, the architecture firm won for its 46,000-square-foot addition to the University of Michigan–Dearborn Engineering Building and for its 59,000-square-foot Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center in Gwinnett County, Georgia. In the Preservation category, the firm won for its historic rehabilitation of Marshall-Adams Hall on the Michigan State University campus.

“We’re proud to have recognition from the AIA of the contributions that we make every day to the built environment,” said Terry Sargent, the firm’s design principal. Sargent played a major role in the design of all three winning projects.

Lord, Aeck & Sargent has been recognized with more than 100 national, regional, state and local awards. Among them are multiple AIA Honor Awards for Excellence in Architecture and four *R&D Magazine* Laboratory of the Year and Special Mention awards. Earlier this year, the firm won an AIA Award for Excellence in Professional Continuing Education.

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The UM-D Engineering Building features a distinctive circular design inspired by a 5-ton radial crane that is housed in the structure as well as by the university's automotive heritage. The two-story building includes a 12,000-square-foot, two-story high-bay laboratory for the 30-foot-high, pivoting radial crane, which is used in research by faculty and students in the College of Engineering and Computer Science's (CECS) Institute for Advanced Vehicle Systems (IAVS).

The Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center – designed primarily for K-12 students – features programs and interactive exhibits that explore the impact that water has had on our history and everyday lives as well as the water management challenges we face in the future. A working model of sustainable design, the facility utilizes locally and regionally harvested materials and features a wide array of water- and energy-saving strategies and products.

The rehabilitation of Marshall-Adams Hall, one of the oldest buildings on the MSU campus, included the restoration of the structure's exterior to its original appearance, restoration of its unique and character-defining interior features, and the incorporation of new faculty offices, contemporary systems and advanced technologies. Constructed in 1902 as a bacteriology laboratory, the building underwent numerous earlier renovations and additions to make it home first to the MSU School of Business and later, as one of two historic buildings that houses the Department of Economics, which continues as its occupant.

About Lord, Aeck & Sargent

Lord, Aeck & Sargent is an award-winning architectural firm serving clients in scientific, academic, historic preservation, arts and cultural, and multi-family housing and mixed-use markets. The firm's core values are responsive design, technological expertise and exceptional service. Lord, Aeck & Sargent has offices in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Atlanta; and Chapel Hill, North Carolina. For more information, visit the firm at www.lordaecksargent.com.

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