

2009 North American Copper in Architectural Awards Program Draws Numerous Entries

CDA and CCBDA to honor building projects showcasing innovative use of copper, brass and bronze



2009 NACIA program entry

Copper—both the material itself and the architectural products made from it—plays an integral role in the design of many commercial and residential buildings throughout North America. In addition to its aesthetic qualities, copper is the metal of choice for architects and builders because of its sustainable benefits, including durability, longevity and recyclability. These attributes are key factors in LEED certification.

To honor the significant contributions copper provides to the industry, the Copper Development Association (CDA), in collaboration with the Canadian Copper & Brass Development Association (CCBDA), is once again recognizing building projects throughout the United States and Canada that have incorporated copper and copper alloys into their design.

Building on the success of last year's North American Copper in Architecture Awards program, CDA and CCBDA issued a call for entries in 2008 for this year's competition. In all, the architectural awards program's sponsors received 34 submissions. Projects being considered for the 2009 program include college and university buildings, healthcare institutions, houses of worship, government buildings, a restored train station, a rehabilitated farmhouse and private residences. The recipients of the 2009 program will be announced in June.

"We are very excited about the public's interest in our architectural awards program," said Andy Kireta Jr., CDA's vice president for building and construction. "This program is designed to honor contemporary architectural work highlighting the use of copper in new building construction and renovation, in both interior and exterior applications. Copper remains a preferred building material, not only because of its superior characteristics, but also for its many 'green' attributes."

Criteria for the awards program includes the use of copper in the overall building design, integration of copper systems, craft of copper installation, and excellence in innovation or historic restoration. The program is intended to increase public awareness and promote excellence in architectural copper design for buildings constructed during the past two years.

A panel of judges made up of architectural and copper industry experts will evaluate this year's list of nominees to award those projects representing excellence in the use of copper in the built environment.

Among the projects honored last year were the newly renovated Plaza Hotel in New York City, and La basilique Notre-Dame de Montreal and the Library of Parliament, both in Canada.

The 2008 projects are featured on the CDA website, www.copper.org. **HPN**