WoodWorks Announces 2018 Wood Design Award Winners

Celebrating excellence in commercial and multi-family wood building design

Washington D.C. (February 19, 2018) – WoodWorks – Wood Products Council has announced the winners of its 2018 Wood Design Awards, which celebrate excellence in wood building design across the U.S. Awards are an opportunity to recognize leaders in the field, and to showcase buildings that exemplify the attributes of wood that make it so appealing.

“It’s always interesting to consider what the winning projects say about the state of wood design,” said Jennifer Cover, WoodWorks’ President and CEO. “Part of that is understanding what drove the design teams to choose wood. Warmth, sustainability and cost are mentioned fairly consistently and 2018 was no exception. But comments this year also emphasized structural performance, the desire to create healthy, resilient and engaging structures, energy efficiency, meeting challenges of scale, and flexible spaces that can be adapted as needs change. It’s exciting to see examples of innovative systems and technologies, but this year’s projects are a reminder of the many reasons building designers gravitate to wood.”

National award categories include:

- Commercial Wood Design – Low-Rise
- Commercial Wood Design – Mid-Rise
- Wood in Government Buildings
- Multi-Family Wood Design
- Wood in Schools
- Institutional Wood Design
- Green Building with Wood
- Beauty of Wood
- Durable & Adaptable Wood Structures
- Jury’s Choice – Innovation

Projects were selected by an independent jury that included:

- Tenna Florian, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, Associate Partner, Lake|Flato Architects
- Kathryn Bedette, AIA, Associate Professor of Architecture, Kennesaw State University
- Amado Guevara III, AIA NCARB, Architect and Associate, DLR Group

Chosen from more than 160 nominations, the awards will be presented at Wood Solutions Fairs across the country, beginning with the Central Florida Wood Solutions Fair in Orlando on February 21. Seven projects will also receive Regional Excellence Awards.

National Winners

**Jury’s Choice for Wood Innovation:** John W. Olver Design Building at UMass Amherst • Amherst, MA

ARCHITECT: Leers Weinzapfel Associates
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Equilibrium Consulting and Simpson Gumpertz & Heger (EOR)
CONTRACTOR: Suffolk
**Commercial Wood Design – Low-Rise: Washington Fruit & Produce Company • Yakima, WA**

ARCHITECT: Graham Baba Architects  
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: M.A. Wright, LLC  
CONTRACTOR: Artisan Construction  
Sponsor: LP

**Commercial Wood Design – Mid-Rise: The Grove at Live Oak Bank • Wilmington, NC**

ARCHITECT: LS3P Associates  
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Woods Engineering  
CONTRACTOR: Clancy & Theys Construction  
Sponsor: LP

**Wood in Government Buildings: Walden Pond Visitor’s Center • Concord, MA**

ARCHITECT: Maryann Thompson Architects  
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: RSE Associates Inc.  
CONTRACTOR: Stutman Contracting Inc.  
Sponsor: Georgia-Pacific

**Multi-Family Wood Design: Lofts at Mayo Park • Rochester, MN**

ARCHITECT: Snow Kreilich Architects  
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Meyer Borgman Johnson  
CONTRACTOR: Welsh Construction  
Sponsor: Canfor-Anthony

**Wood in Schools: Oregon Episcopal School – Lower School • Portland, OR**

ARCHITECT: Hacker  
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: ABHT Structural Engineers  
CONTRACTOR: Skanska  
Sponsor: Nordic Structures

**Institutional Wood Design: Basecamp Delta • Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV**

ARCHITECT: DIGSAU Architecture  
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: CVM  
CONTRACTOR: Swope Construction

**Green Building with Wood: Patrons Oxford Insurance Offices • Portland, ME**

ARCHITECT: Scott Simons Architects  
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Becker Structural Engineers  
CONTRACTOR: Zachau Construction Inc.  
Sponsor: TrusJoist

**Beauty of Wood: Cultural Crossing at Portland Japanese Garden • Portland, OR**

ARCHITECT: Hacker with Kengo Kuma and Associates  
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: KPFF  
CONTRACTOR: Hoffman Construction Co.
Durable & Adaptable Wood Structures: Painter Barn at Tyler Arboretum • Media, PA
ARCHITECT: Archer & Buchanan Architecture, Ltd.
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: CVM
CONTRACTOR: CVMNext

Regional Excellence Winners

L’Angolo Estate • Newberg, OR
ARCHITECT: LEVER Architecture
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Schutte Consulting Engineers
CONTRACTOR: Schommer & Sons

The Loading Dock • Boulder, CO
OWNER: Crescent
ARCHITECT: OZ Architecture
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: KL&A
CONTRACTOR: Quinlan Construction

GROW at Saint Louis Science Center • St. Louis, MO
ARCHITECT: Arcturis with Gyo Obata
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: EDM Incorporated
CONTRACTOR: Interface Construction Corporation

Bronzeville Artist Lofts • Chicago, IL
ARCHITECT: Wrap Architecture
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Joseph Farruggia
CONTRACTOR: Madison Construction

New College House • Philadelphia, PA
ARCHITECT: Bohlin Cywinski Jackson
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: CVM
CONTRACTOR: Intech Construction

State of Massachusetts Public-Use Airport Buildings • Beverly, MA
ARCHITECT: Fennick McCredie Architecture
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: ARUP
CONTRACTOR: CMGC Building Corp.

Duke University Student Wellness Center Lobby • Durham, NC
ARCHITECT: Duda|Paine Architects, PA
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Stewart, Inc.
CONTRACTOR: Gilbane Building Company
Photos and descriptions of the winning projects are available in the WoodWorks project gallery. High resolution images are available to media on request.

About WoodWorks
WoodWorks – Wood Products Council (www.woodworks.org) provides free one-on-one project assistance as well as education and resources related to the code-compliant design of commercial and multi-family wood buildings. WoodWorks field teams have expertise in a wide range of building types, including multi-family/mixed-use, educational, office, commercial low-rise, industrial, civic/recreational, institutional/healthcare and government. We make it easier to design, engineer and construct wood buildings at less cost.