



Portland AIA Chosen for Launch of Inaugural 2030 Challenge Design Awards

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[Architecture 2030](#) handed out its first ever awards for significant energy and carbon reductions to a group of well-deserving Portland-based architecture firms. In collaboration with AIA Portland and their Committee on the Environment (COTE) and NEEA's BetterBricks initiative, Architecture 2030 presented the inaugural 2030 Challenge Design Awards in recognition of design excellence while meeting or exceeding the 2030 Challenge targets.

The first ever Awards were presented during AIA COTE's Green Champion Summit on October 28. The winners were selected by Ed Mazria and the 2030 staff from projects submitted to AIA Portland's 2010 design awards.

In the "As Designed" category, SERA Architects took top honors for the Edith Green/Wendell Wyatt Federal Building renovation. Also in the same category, Hennebery Eddy Architects took home a runner up award for the Portland Community College Newberg Center.

In the "As Built" category, Opsis Architecture won for the Hood River Middle School, a net-zero building, while Hennebery Eddy Architects was the runner-up for Willamette University Ford Hall.

Among the four projects recognized, NEEA's BetterBricks – by way of the University of Oregon's Energy Studies in Building Laboratory – provided design assistance and research on the Edith Green/Wendell Wyatt Federal Building and the PCC Newberg Center.

This year's 2030 Design Award serves as a pilot project for future awards around the country. You can find more information at <http://transform.architecture2030.org/>

In related news, AIA Portland's adoption of the 2030 Challenge targets and its incorporation of CO2 emissions calculations into its own annual Design Awards competition demonstrate a commitment to a low-carbon future and step forward in understanding the full meaning of design excellence. Read our blog post, [CO2 Reductions: A Theme of AIA Portland's Design Awards](#), to learn more.

