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Pickard Chilton Wins Honor Award for Design Excellence from AIA New England for Design of Wells Fargo Financial

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NEW HAVEN, CT — The American Institute of Architects (AIA) New England chapter has announced that New Haven, Connecticut-based Pickard Chilton (www.pickardchilton.com) has won an Honor Award for Design Excellence for the firm's design of Wells Fargo Financial in Des Moines, Iowa.

From 193 submissions that were submitted by New England architects as well as architects that are designing projects in New England, the jury of AIA Fellows from AIA Chicago selected 12 projects to be recognized with Honor Awards for Design Excellence.

In commenting on the award-winning designs, jurors said "this work distinguished itself surely and certainly, almost self-selecting for honor. Each was intelligent, inventive and emotionally resonant, inviting its users to linger and be happy."

On the Wells Fargo Financial project, jurors remarked "the exterior wall is both gorgeous and rationally done. The client should be applauded for funding this project. It is stunning."

"We designed the project to be a crystalline jewel box and I am delighted to see that the jurors believe it is successful," said Jon Pickard AIA, RIBA Principal of Pickard Chilton. "It is a true honor to have it be among those projects selected for this prestigious award."

Completed in 2006, the Wells Fargo Financial project is an expansion of the corporation's urban office campus in downtown Des Moines. The design was recently recognized with a Best Architecture Award from The Americas Property Awards and an Honor Award from AIA Connecticut in 2008.

"It is rewarding to have a project such as Wells Fargo Financial honored," said firm Principal William Chilton FAIA, RIBA. "It affirms that our efforts to make an elegant work of architecture and a positive addition to the cityscape have been realized."

The design awards will be presented at the AIA New England Conference and Design Awards at Build Boston on November 19, 2010.

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ABOUT PICKARD CHILTON

Pickard Chilton is an international architectural practice noted for its expertise in the design of large, complex buildings including corporate headquarters, high rise commercial office towers, hotels, academic, and health care facilities. Headquartered in New Haven, Conn., the firm's completed projects include: 1180 Peachtree in Atlanta, GA; ConocoPhillips West Campus in Houston and 300 North LaSalle in Chicago. The firm currently has projects underway in Cleveland, Houston, Oklahoma City, Washington, DC, Calgary, and Kuala Lumpur. Visit www.pickardchilton.com for more information.

ABOUT AIA NEW ENGLAND

AIA New England represents over 5,000 AIA Members and Associate Members in the eight New England chapters. The mission of AIA New England is to promote the strengthening of the New England states as a region. Each year, one of the eight New England AIA chapters hosts the AIA New England Annual Conference and administers the related design awards program. This year the Boston Society of Architects is hosting the AIA New England Regional Conference on November 18-19, 2010. Visit www.aianewengland.org for more information.