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**Thirty-one Architecture “Patrons” Nominated
Chicago Architecture Foundation’s Patron of the Year Awards Nov.19**

(October 19, 2009-Chicago) Unique among architecture awards, the Chicago Architecture Foundation’s 6th annual Patron of the Year awards will be held November 19, noon, at the University Club of Chicago. The Patron of the Year awards identifies and rewards the clients of architecture, honoring the individuals, companies and institutions responsible for commissioning the project.

Nominations were accepted for all building types falling under one of three categories: commercial, governmental and institutional. The 31 nominees include significant buildings that range from The Modern Wing of the Art Institute to the Wit Hotel to the Trump Tower to the Chicago Riverwalk.

The selection committee, led by Stanley Tigerman, FAIA, debates nominated projects and selects winning patrons in the three categories. The committee consists Steven G.M. Stein, Senior Partner, Stein, Ray & Harris LLP, Michael Cornicelli, Executive Vice President, Building Owners and Managers Association of Chicago, Sunny Fischer, Executive Director, The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, Michael B. McCaskey, Chairman of the Board of the Chicago Bears Football Club, Donna Robertson, Professor and Dean, IIT College of Architecture, and Greg Van Schaack, Senior Vice President, Hines Interests.

The Chicago Architecture Foundation has held the Patron of the Year awards program and ceremony since 2004, when Steven G.M. Stein, partner at the law firm of Stein, Ray and Harris, LLP, first suggested that, for all of the public attention lavished on outstanding architectural design in Chicago, only few recognize the leading role of clients of architecture, or its “patrons:” those who commission, develop and finance Chicago’s outstanding architecture. In partnership with the Chicago Architecture Foundation, Stein sought to change that. “Good architecture,” he said, “requires more than a good architect. It requires a great client, a risk-taker.”

Past winners include Millennium Park, Inc., Hines Interests, the University of Chicago, Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, and Serta International. See <http://www.architecture.org/patron/>

The Chicago Architecture Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing public interest and education in architecture and design. The Chicago Architecture Foundation pursues this mission through architecture tours, exhibitions, panel discussions, and youth and adult education programs. Current exhibitions are Chicago Model City and B Like Burnham. The Chicago Architecture Foundation is located at 224 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60604. For further information visit www.architecture.org or call 312.922.3432.

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Chicago Architecture Foundation's Patron of the Year 2009 Nominees

COMMERCIAL

155 North Wacker
156 West Superior
1600 Museum Park
1720 South Michigan
235 Van Buren
300 North LaSalle
600 North Lake Shore Drive

Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Powerhouse
Equinix - Chicago III
Joffrey Tower
MillerCoors Corporate Headquarters
One Museum Park East
R+D659
SoNo
The Renaissance Blackstone
The Park Monroe
theWit
Trump International Hotel & Tower - Chicago

The John Buck Company
Ranquist Development
The Enterprise Companies
CMK Companies
CMK Companies
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Belgravia Group
Sandz Development Co.
Structured Development LLC
Equinix
Smithfield Properties LLC
MillerCoors LLC
The Enterprise Companies
Mesirow Financial Real Estate, Inc.
Smithfield Properties LLC
Sage Hospitality
GlenStar Properties
ECD Company
The Trump Organization

GOVERNMENTAL

Cherry Avenue Bridge
Chicago Cultural Center: Preston Bradley Hall Dome
Restoration
Chicago Riverwalk
Dusable Harbor Boat House
Stearns Quarry
Wilmette Public Works Facility

City of Chicago, Dept of Transportation
City of Chicago, Dept of General Services

City of Chicago, Dept of Transportation
Chicago Park District
Chicago Park District
Village of Wilmette

INSTITUTIONAL

Charles H. Shaw Technology and Learning Center
Margot and Harold Schiff Residences
Mark T. Skinner West Elementary School
Richard J. Klarchek Information Commons
Ronald McDonald House
near University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital
The Modern Wing
James J. Stukel Towers and UIC Forum

The Homan Arthington Foundation
Mercy Housing Lakefront / Harold Schiff
Chicago Public Building Commission
Loyola University, Chicago
Ronald McDonald House Charities
of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana
The Art Institute of Chicago
University of Illinois at Chicago