

2011 APA Awards for Excellence to Customers using Lehigh White Cement



**714 MAIN STREET/
XTO BUILDING**
Fort Worth, TX

DESIGN
Schwarz-Hanson Architects
Fort Worth, TX

MANUFACTURING
Advanced Cast Stone, Inc.
Everman, TX

CATEGORY
Trim/Landscape

JURY COMMENTS

In contrast to the other panelized precast projects submitted, the jury appreciated the modular, hand placed craftsmanship of this project which merits an APA Award for Excellence. The coursing and bonding patterns create an elegant richness at close scale. Likewise, at the larger scale, the tight, flush mortar joints paired with deep recesses reinforce the larger scale proportions creating a grand monumentality, particularly at the base. The crisp execution of the intricate detailing at the window surrounds and horizontal banding paired with the subtle color variations of the individual pieces successfully highlight precast as a timeless choice for well crafted landmark architecture. The jury also was impressed by the beautifully detailed shop drawings which certainly contributed to the successful execution of the end product.



AMERICAN PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION
Washington, D.C.

DESIGN
Hartman-Cox
Washington, D.C.

MANUFACTURING
Arban & Carosi, Inc.
Woodbridge, VA

CATEGORY
Commercial

JURY COMMENTS

Our jury was impressed with this entry due to the crisp attention to classical detailing. Also the project has a nice diversity of scale ranging from the whole project to down to the details. The project is a sympathetic backdrop to the existing historic architecture. Successful elements of the project include classical building massing, multiple symmetries, coupling, syncopation, proportioning, rustication, and Tuscan proportions. We believed that this project is deserving of an APA Award for Excellence for its extremely effective use of precast concrete.



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY-SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Washington, D.C.

DESIGN

Quinn Evan Architect
Washington, D.C.

MANUFACTURING

Arban & Carosi, Inc.
Woodbridge, VA

CATEGORY

Educational

JURY COMMENTS

This project was a consensus favorite among the jurors. The use of precast concrete on the building as both a structural element and as a building material on the facades creates a number of opportunities for the building to showcase the use of precast concrete as viable and efficient building element. It appeared that the design of the building initiated with the use of precast concrete as the predominant building material. We believed that this was an outside in design that could not have been accomplished without the conscious decision to utilize precast panels and architectural elements around the building. The color of the panels appeared consistent and offered a nice contrast to the window and the overall aesthetics of the building. Careful attention was paid to the detailing of the panels to ensure that the various building elements aligned across the building facades. Ultimately, we believed this project was one of the most deserving projects to receive an APA Award of Excellence.



**CAPTIAL COVE
(WYNDHAM HOTEL)**

National Harbour, MD

DESIGN

WDG Architecture, PLLC
Washington, D.C.

MANUFACTURING

Arban & Carosi, Inc.
Woodbridge, VA

CATEGORY

Hospitality/Entertainment

JURY COMMENTS

It was clear to the jury that the use of precast on this Hotel, primarily on the first two floors, was intended to set a tone of quality and luxury for the guests. The project truly succeeds in setting that tone. Beyond that, the complexity and deep, three dimensional nature of the forms express a very dynamic structural quality. The architectural precast material is perfectly suited to meeting the demands of this kind of architectural treatment. The capabilities and inherent quality of the precast allowed the designer the kind of freedom necessary to achieve an exciting experience for the users of this facility and merits an APA Award for Excellence.



FRISCO SQUARE TOWN CENTER
Frisco, TX

DESIGN
David M. Schwarz Architectural Services
Washington, D.C.

MANUFACTURING
Advanced Cast Stone, Inc.
Everman, TX

CATEGORY
Commercial

JURY COMMENTS

The design jury was immediately struck by the use of precast concrete as an accent material to the brick exterior of the building. The historical design of the building benefits from the use of precast concrete to highlight windows, cornices, and other architectural elements on the building. The use of precast elements animates the buildings and creates visual interest to the otherwise ordinary brick façade. We believed that this project represents the effective use of small precast concrete on a building and therefore merits an APA Award for Excellence.



HIGHER EDUCATION COMPLEX
McKinney, TX

DESIGN
PBK Architects
Dallas, TX

MANUFACTURING
Advanced Cast Stone, Inc.
Everman, TX

CATEGORY
Educational

JURY COMMENTS

The element which convinced the jury that this project was worthy of an APA Award for Excellence was the massive white precast wall which begins as dominant exterior element and extends into the interior to become the focal point of the atrium. The judges agreed that here was a high degree of difficulty which demanded careful control of the color variation and finish in order to be successful. The surface of the precast appears to have a sheen and implied grain which seems to be inspired by Italian marble. The quality control and execution of this precast element is truly remarkable.



REDMOND EAST CORPORATE CENTER
Redmond, WA

DESIGN
Lance Mueller and Associates
Seattle, WA

MANUFACTURING
Olympian Precast, Inc.
Redmond, WA

CATEGORY
Building Green

JURY COMMENTS

After careful consideration, the jury chose only one entry in the Building Green category for a number of reasons. The building achieved a LEED Gold Shell & Core rating. Although there were other entries in the LEED Gold level of certification, we selected this project because precast was the predominant element and encompassed the majority of the skin. This entrant also appeared to have an accurate and honest assessment on his original submission as to which specific LEED points achieved were attributed specifically to precast. This carried significant weight in our decision making process.



**SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
PARKING GARAGE #7**

Dallas, TX

DESIGN

Good Fulton & Farrell Architects
Dallas, TX

MANUFACTURING

Advanced Cast Stone, Inc.
Everman, TX

CATEGORY

Manufacturing/Industrial

JURY COMMENTS

This four story parking structure features large expanses of precast which prominently mark and define the entry elements on a monumental scale against the contrasting brick infill. The large scale relief “emblems”, while subtle, are well executed and crisp. These features are grounded by a precast rusticated base which wraps the entire perimeter of the building. The detailing has a restrained simplicity which demands consistency in color and finish. The judges agreed that this successful project was deserving of an APA Award for Excellence. This parking structure would enhance even the highest quality contextual settings.



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, CA

DESIGN

AC Martin Partners Architects
Los Angeles, CA

MANUFACTURING

Advanced Cast Stone, Inc.
Everman, TX

CATEGORY

Educational

JURY COMMENTS

We really liked the way this project incorporated precast with brick to achieve an overall feel and scale to this project. The way precast is used in this project really gives life to the heart of the project. The project has a really nice Venetian and urban quality to it. The designer clearly had an understanding of facilitating social interaction on both a macro and micro scale. Great thematic design, massing, material juxtaposition, and composition of solid void, great arches, and stairs! This creation of this place definitely deserves to be a winner of the APA Award for Excellence.



VICTORY CENTER

Alexandria, VA

DESIGN

Hickok Cole Architects
Washington, D.C.

MANUFACTURING

Arban & Carosi, Inc.
Woodbridge, VA

CATEGORY

Medical/Government

JURY COMMENTS

Before the complexity of being bomb blast proof and a façade replacement, the jury was struck by the understated and clean classical elegance of this project. This entry definitely gets the exterior transformation award. The project is very successful in breaking down the mass of a large building through the use of a myriad of syncopated scale juxtapositions, groupings, and multiple symmetries. The attention to detail and diversity of precast panels to pull this of make it a unanimous winner of the APA Award for Excellence.



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Craftsmanship Award Winner



GILBERT CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL
Gilbert, AZ

DESIGN
L. Smith - H&S International, LLC
Scottsdale, AZ

MANUFACTURING
Mesa Precast & Supply, LLC
Tempe, AZ

Craftsmanship Award Winner



HAVEN AVENUE GRADE SEPARATION
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

DESIGN
PBS&J
Orange, CA

MANUFACTURING
Quick Crete Products Corp.
Norco, CA

Craftsmanship Award Winner



LOYOLA RESIDENCE
Chicago, IL

DESIGN
Temple Architects
St. Charles, IL

MANUFACTURING
Architectural Cast Stone, Inc.
West Chicago, IL

Craftsmanship Award Winner