



## HMC News Release

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### **HMC Architects Sweeps Honors at Awards Hosted by the American Institute of Architect's Inland California Chapter**

ONTARIO, Calif., October 2008—HMC Architects won several design awards in this year's annual design competition hosted by the Inland California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in April.

HMC received a Citation Award and a U.S. Green Building Council Leadership Award for its design work on behalf of the **Frontier Project**, a 14,000-SF community learning center in Rancho Cucamonga that will serve as a demonstration site for sustainable building design and construction practices and technologies. This project also won the People's Choice Award at the event—the highest honor bestowed.

The \$14 million facility, which is being built by Turner Construction with completion targeted for summer of 2009, will demonstrate the use of energy- and water-efficient building practices, green roof designs, storm water management strategies, natural lighting, and recycled construction materials. The building itself will be shared with Cucamonga Valley Water District, which is collaborating on the project along with architects, builders, technicians, and other experts.

The US Green Building Council also gave HMC an honorable mention for its design work for **College of the Desert's Public Safety Academy** in Palm Desert, a 30,000-SF, LEED® Silver-equivalent complex that will include labs, classrooms, assembly and meeting places, a gymnasium, food service, and administrative spaces.

HMC also received Citation Awards for:

**The Learning Resource Center (LRC) at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut:** This 200,000-square-foot facility merges student research, study, and activity spaces to create a central, multi-functional complex. HMC worked with community and college leaders to design a dynamic campus landmark and gathering place that connects academic and social pursuits. Users enter the library through a three-story atrium featuring a cantilevered mezzanine study space with clear views to the campus. Circulation, study rooms, and the organizational layout are visible from every level within the atrium, a transparency that promotes the open flow of knowledge, information, and ideas. A monumental staircase transitions through the atrium lobby, linking levels and connecting to the bridges that span an open courtyard. The landscape of the LRC courtyard flows from the campus' main quad, and forms a series of gathering spaces. Indoor study spaces define the edges of the building and bridges, taking advantage of natural light and creating

a direct visual link with the courtyard and campus. Green elements promote the college's decree to save energy, and maximize efficiency while providing a more comfortable and sustainable environment for all facility users.

**Kaiser Downey Medical Office Building:** HMC originally completed a comprehensive master plan and study for replacement of the existing Kaiser Bellflower Medical Center in response to SB1953 seismic requirements. An extensive study of the campus was conducted to determine the validity of upgrading existing facilities versus building an entirely new campus on a virgin site. The outcome resulted in current planning and programming of the new Kaiser Downey Medical Center Replacement Hospital project adjacent to existing medical offices. As the first building completed on the campus, the HMC team planned, programmed, and designed the four-floor, 117,000-SF MOB 1, which was opened for occupancy in February 2006. Additional planned components of the replacement campus include a 352-bed, 650,000-SF main hospital; a second 178,000-SF MOB (currently on hold); a 50,000-SF central plant; and a 1,387-car addition to an existing parking structure.

HMC received Merit Awards for:

**HMC Architects' Concours Office Building in Ontario:** The design of this two-story, 57,000-SF building, which serves as HMC's largest office and houses their corporate support services, was inspired by the firm's desire to work collaboratively and by the building's response to its natural surroundings. The building is oriented to minimize solar heat gain and for protection against Santa Ana winds. The first level features shared spaces for social interaction as well as presentation space, a training room, break room, and an oversized courtyard designed for hosting events. The second level includes presentation areas for office collaboration as well as a gymnasium and various support spaces. Sustainable design elements include high SEER-rated HVAC units; dual-glazed window assemblies; a cool roof; waterless urinals; treatment of onsite storm water through drywells for the roof drains; a biofilter for parking lot runoff to facilitate treatment prior to entering the local storm drain system; and recycled materials as part of the shell and interior finishes.

**Woodcrest Public Library in Riverside:** This 10,000-SF, Craftsman-style building is sited on a two-acre site with a natural streambed. The terraced site includes an interpretive garden of drought-tolerant plants and expansive shade trees. Native boulders are clustered to create seating areas where instruction about water conservation and the appreciation of natural resources may be provided to visiting groups. Bio-swales and permeable surfaces work with the streambed to recharge the water table below.

Throughout its history, HMC Architects has established a reputation as an award-winning design firm and thought leader for education, healthcare, and government facilities. Founded in 1940, HMC is one of the most prominent planning and design firms with offices strategically located throughout the West. To learn more about HMC Architects or to arrange interviews with the firm's executive leadership, please contact Tracy Black at (800) 350-9979, or [tracy.black@hmcarchitects.com](mailto:tracy.black@hmcarchitects.com) and visit [www.hmcarchitects.com](http://www.hmcarchitects.com).