BUREAU OF ENGINEERING REELS IN AWARDS FOR CUTTING-EDGE DESIGN OF HOLLENBECK POLICE STATION

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LOS ANGELES (November 19, 2010)—Accolades for the Bureau of Engineering’s design and construction of the Hollenbeck Police Station, located in East Los Angeles, continue to pour in. The Bureau has received two additional awards—The American Architecture Award from the Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and the European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies, and the Outstanding Architectural Project Award from the Los Angeles Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

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Designed in partnership with the Los Angeles firm AC Martin Partners, the project team looked to the community to weigh-in on design vision for the new facility.

“With the Hollenbeck Station, we created a design that would engage the community and serve as a resource, as opposed to the old 20th century mind-set when police facilities loomed as bunkers in neighborhoods,” said City Engineer, Gary Lee Moore, P.E.

The new station is striking with a facade of cascading translucent glass—prompting a 3-D affect that appears to leap off the building. The design beckons a feeling of transparency throughout the facility, bringing the outdoor light inside and enveloping the public counter area. Other features include a community room, Wi-Fi, landscaping, and an outdoor patio. The two-story building is 54,000 square-feet and is the largest police station in Los Angeles. Perhaps, most impressive, the Hollenbeck Station is Gold LEED certified.

The replacement station opened in summer of 2009 and is part of the $600 million Proposition Q measure passed by voters in 2002 to renovate and construct police and fire stations across the city.

The Chicago Athenaeum, together with the European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies will present a special exhibition of all awarded American buildings at its annual conference this month in Madrid, Spain. The exhibit will then travel to the Contemporary Space Athens museum in Athens, Greece.

The Hollenbeck Police Station has also been recognized as "Project of the Year" award winner by California Construction Magazine and has received the Los Angeles Architectural Awards - Award of Excellence from the Los Angeles Business Council.

“The building design punctuates how sustainability and cutting-edge architectural design can coexist with tremendous ease,” Moore added.

The Bureau of Engineering has a work force of more than 900 engineers, architects, landscape architects, surveyors and support staff, and an annual operating budget of $167 million, with 459 active projects totaling $2.7 billion. The Bureau of Engineering is responsible for the design and construction of all public building facilities. In addition, the Bureau oversees projects involving parks, streets, wastewater treatment plants, sewers and storm drains, and the regulation of private development affecting the public right-of-way.

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