

Consigli Wins Grand Award for Cambridge City Hall Annex Architect HKT Provides a Cutting Edge Design with Green Goals

Milford, MA - Consigli Construction Co., Inc. of Milford, was recently recognized for its work on the Cambridge City Hall Annex. The project was one of three recipients nationally that won the Grand Award in Building Design & Construction's 21st Annual Reconstruction & Renovation Awards.

The City of Cambridge expects to receive Silver LEED certification for the Annex project. The new "green building" elements are expected to reduce energy consumption by almost 56% compared to a conventionally constructed building. The building represents a successful adaptable re-use project that now houses many of Cambridge's public offices.

Like most success stories a strong team provided the effort to make the City Hall Annex renovation a reality. Cambridge City Manager Robert W. Healy provided clear and focused leadership. Architect HKT of Somerville provided a cutting edge design to accomplish both the historic and Green goals of the project. And Consigli delivered on its industry reputation for forward thinking, especially in its approach to environmentally sensitive construction.

The City Hall Annex was a complete rehabilitation of a suffering landmark. Consigli rebuilt the entire interior using special features such as "intelligent" lighting that automatically adjusts according to daylight levels,



and turns off when rooms are empty; solar roof panels which create about 10 percent of the building's electricity; and glazed windows that minimize heat loss or gain. The team used recyclable materials whenever possible, but also opted to replicate historical elements to incorporate new technologies. The grand entry hall was renovated and now features a main, atrium-style lobby -

providing a much-needed sense of orientation for visitors to the building. Consigli also performed exterior restoration work, including reconstruction of brick parapets that had been removed in the 1950s. Wood trim on doors and windows, paneling, and lighting fixtures were recreated to match the look of the building as it stood in 1871.

Big Dig Honored Whitehead Institute, Beth Israel Deaconess Med Ctr.

Boston, MA - The Boston History Collaborative will honor Boston's Big Dig project with a special award for Historic Innovation in City Building at its fourth annual History Makers Awards Dinner this fall. For the first time, the group invited nominations for these Awards from nearly 1,000 civic, business, and neighborhood leaders, and the selection was made by a judging panel including:

- Northeastern U. Pres. Dr. Richard Freeland
- MIT President Emeritus Dr. Paul Gray
- Beverly Morgan-Welch, Exec. Director of the Museum of Afro-American History
- Henry Lee, President of the Friends of the Public Garden.
- Gloria Larson, Board Chair of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority and partner at Foley Hoag LLP.

In addition to the Big Dig, the Whitehead Institute will receive the Innovation in Biotech Award for pioneering discoveries in biomedical research, including spearheading the Human Genome Project. The Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and the late Dr. Paul Zoll will also be honored with the Innovation in Healthcare Award for the invention of the heart pacemaker.

The dinner, co-chaired by Dr. Peter Slavin, President of Massachusetts General Hospital, and Stephen P. Crosby, former Secretary of Administration and Finance for Governors Paul Cellucci and Jane Swift, will be held on November 16 at the Seaport Boston Hotel.