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## Engineering Center chosen for three more design and construction awards

As the Oakland University campus expands to meet the needs to students, faculty and the community, University planners and contractors are working to ensure that quality in design and construction is a top priority.

Three recent awards presented in recognition of one of the campus' newest facilities highlight the University's success in fulfilling that commitment.

The American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) Architectural Engineering Institute (AEI) has presented two awards honoring the design and construction of the Oakland University Engineering Center.

SmithGroupJJR, the University's architectural and engineering firm on the Engineering Center project, won 2016

Awards of Merit for both mechanical systems design and electrical systems design utilized in the state-of-the-art, 127,000-square foot classroom, laboratory and administrative facility.

The AEI competition singles out buildings that exhibit the highest levels of originality and innovative character, integration and collaboration, sustainability, energy efficiency and economics, effective use of technology, and constructability and site logistics.

A total of 15 AEI awards were presented this year to 11 architectural and engineering organizations from across the country. Oakland's Engineering Center was the only Michigan facility to be recognized.

Earlier this month, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Michigan presented a 2016 Building Award to SmithGroupJJR and construction contractor Walbridge for their exceptional work on the Engineering Center.

This year's AIA recognitions jury, composed of top leaders and honorees within the institute, praised the facility by saying that "a large and beautifully composed exterior expresses both the internal activities and building technologies."

Dedicated in the fall of 2014, the Engineering Center was built to accommodate rapidly growing enrollment in the School of Engineering and Computer Science. It was designed to provide students a wide variety of hands-on experiences in automotive a biological engineering, alternative energy, robotics and high-tech industrial sciences.



*The Engineering Center at Oakland University continues to earn awards for its design and construction.*