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Kansas City's Kauffman Performing Arts Center Named Year's Most Outstanding Engineering Triumph *Annual Engineering Excellence Awards Showcases World's Best Engineering Efforts*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, located in downtown Kansas City, has won the 2013 “Grand Conceptor” Award as the year’s top engineering achievement in the 47th Annual Engineering Excellence Awards—a national juried competition sponsored by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC).

More than 550 attended Tuesday’s black-tie Engineering Excellence Awards Gala in Washington, D.C. which was hosted by Emmy Award-winning Comedian Ross Shafer and recognized 146 preeminent engineering accomplishments from throughout the world.

New York City-based Arup provided groundbreaking engineering design for the Performing Arts Center—a gleaming 356,000-square-foot, and architecturally intricate entertainment complex that features two acoustically tuned performance halls, a four-story, wide-angled glass wall front façade, topped by slightly concave sloping roofs, and a pioneering tensile structural support system encompassing high-strength exterior rods.

The result is an exciting new focal point for the region’s art and entertainment community, and a dazzling addition to the downtown Kansas City skyline.

The Performing Arts Center joins the Lake Borgne Storm Surge Barrier (2012) and the Hoover Dam Bypass (2011) as distinguished Grand Conceptor Award winners.

Other Top 2013 Winners for Engineering Excellence were:

Grand Awards

- **Marlins Park**, Miami, Fla., by Walter P Moore;
- **National Synchrotron Light Source II**, Long Island, N.Y., by HDR Engineering;
- **Catskill-Delaware Ultraviolet Disinfection Facility**; Mount Pleasant, N.Y. by Hazen and Sawyer/CDM Smith;
- **Lake Champlain Bridge Replacement**, Crown Point, N.Y. to Chimney Point, Vt., by HNTB Corporation;
- **Volkswagen Assembly Plant**, Chattanooga, Tenn., by SSOE Group;
- **FDR Four Freedoms Park**, Roosevelt Island, N.Y., by Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc.; and
- **Truss Bridge Roll-In: 130th & Torrence Avenue**, Chicago, Ill., by Alfred Benesch & Company.

➤ **2013 Honor Awards for Engineering Excellence were presented for:**

- **Toyota Elephant Passage**, Denver, by THE RMH Group, Inc.;
- **City Creek Center**, Salt Lake City, by Magnusson Klemencic Associates;
- **Lowry Avenue Bridge over the Mississippi River**, Minneapolis, by SRF Consulting Group, Inc. and T.Y. Lin International;
- **Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction System** Chalmette, La., by Bioengineering ARCADIS;
- **Taijiang Bridge**, Sanming, Fujian Province, China, by T.Y. Lin International;
- **CSO Treatment Wetland System**, Washington, Ind., by Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates;
- **Grandville Clean Water Plant Expansion & Renovation**, City of Grandville, Mich., by Moore & Bruggink, Inc.;
- **Seabrook Sector Gate Complex**, New Orleans, by Bioengineering ARCADIS;
- **North Shore Connector**, Pittsburgh, by HDR, Jacobs Project Management, Kwame Building Group;
- **Purple Line Viaduct Replacements**, Evanston, Ill., by Jacobs Engineering;
- **Hartland Dam Fish & Boat Passage**, Delta, Colo., by Merrick-McLaughlin Whitewater Design Group;
- **Bridging from Land to Light**, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Calif., by HDR Engineering;
- **North Bank Bridge and Park**, Boston/Cambridge, Mass., by Greenman-Pedersen; Carol R. Johnson Associates; Stantec; Ammann & Whitney;
- **Nueva Providencia Pedestrian Bridge**, Nueva Providencia, Guatemala, by CH2M HILL;
- **Sandia National Laboratories, Molten Salt Test Loop**, Albuquerque, N.M., by Bridgers & Paxton Consulting Engineers, Inc.;
- **Loyd Ray Farms Waste-to-Energy Project**, Yadkinville, N.C., by Cavanaugh & Associates, P.A.

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