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1. Governor's award for excellence in energy efficiency

SAO's Office of Energy Services received the 2006 Governor's Award for Excellence in Energy on Nov. 15 for its successful energy efficiency project at the Southeastern Correctional Institution (SCI) in Chillicothe.

The energy project began in 2000 and was produced through a performance-based contract with the state. The Limbach Company provided the design and installation of energy-efficient lights, heating components and the replacement of windows and doors. Under this model, the project pays for itself in energy savings and requires no additional investment by the state. The project guarantees savings of at least \$302,103 per year over 10 years, equating to about 29 percent of SCI's total energy expenses. In its first year, the project exceeded estimates, saving SCI approximately \$306,461.

This is one of 20 performance contract projects that the SAO Office of Energy Services has administered, all of which have been financed through the sale of bonds issued through the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority. These energy projects save the state more than \$3 million annually in energy costs.

2. Central State University opens new Center for Education and Natural Sciences

The dedication ceremony for the new \$12 million Center for Education and Natural Sciences at Central State University was held on Nov. 2. SAO provided project management for phase one of the 77,207-square-foot facility. Phase two is currently in the planning stage. CSU President John W. Garland acknowledged and thanked

SAO for its involvement in yet another "on time and on budget" project for the state. For more information, go to www.ohio.gov/sao and click on "project profiles."

3. Employment Opportunity: Architect

SAO Project Manager Terry Banbury has accepted a position with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Terry's last day with SAO was Nov. 22, and we wish him well in his new job. SAO is seeking applicants for the position of architect, serving as a project manager and reporting to a deputy state architect. There is little design, in the traditional sense, related to the position; rather, the successful candidate will manage projects during all phases from programming through post-occupancy.

Applicants must be an architect licensed by the State of Ohio. Additional information is available on the state Web site at www.stateofohiojobs.com. Applicants may apply electronically or submit an application to the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Employee Services, 30 E. Broad St., Room 4001, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3414.

4. SAO projects nominated for the AIA Columbus annual design awards

Each year AIA Columbus, the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects, recognizes and celebrates outstanding architecture and design with honor and merit awards. This year, more than 50 projects were nominated by AIA Columbus members. Of those nominations, two were projects managed by the State Architect's Office: the Columbus State Community College Center for Workforce Development and the new laboratory for the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, located on the Ohio Department of Agriculture campus in Reynoldsburg. SAO is proud to have been a part of those projects

Schooley Caldwell Associates received an honor award for their Montgomery County Courthouse restoration project during a ceremony at Ohio State University's Wexner Center for the Arts on Nov. 16. In addition, the chapter presented an honor award to Cadwell Murphy Architects for the Mimring Houses project in the "unbuilt project" category, and four merit awards.

Past SAO-managed award-winning projects include: the Rhodes State Office Building, 1975; the Riffe Center, 1991; the Ohio Statehouse Restoration, 1996; the Southern Theatre Renovation, 1998; and the Ohio Judicial Center (Ohio Supreme Court building), 2004.

5. Save the dates for SAO College 2007

Mark your calendars now! New programs and educational topics are planned for SAO College 2007, which will be held Feb. 12 and 13 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus as part of the Ohio Construction Conference (formerly known as the Ohio Design & Construction Expo).

SAO College began in the spring of 2002 to educate interested parties about the proper design management and construction management of state projects. SAO College is attended annually by more than 200 participants, including state agencies and institutions, architects, engineers, contractors and construction managers from the private sector.

More information will be announced in forthcoming issues of "SAO eNews." Questions should be directed to Angie Carder at 614.752.0448 or via e-mail at angie.carder@das.state.oh.us.

6. Link to the December Ohio Register

The December 2006 issue of the Ohio Register was posted to the SAO Web site on Dec. 1. It can be viewed and printed at www.ohio.gov/sao (click on Ohio Register).

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