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New Cal Poly Engineering Facilities Win Design Award

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly College of Engineering facilities, the Bonderson Projects Center and Engineering IV, were recently awarded the Award of Commendation in the new construction category from the Obispo Beautiful Association.

Obispo Beautiful Association is a community organization of architects, design-builders, landscape designers, artists, and other design professionals interested in the quality of the built environment of San Luis Obispo. The group recognizes outstanding aesthetics for properties ranging from local residences to large institutional projects.

As recipients of the Obispo Beautiful Award, the Bonderson Projects Center and Engineering IV “stand out” and are considered “a cut above the rest,” according to award criteria.

Flanking the unique Engineering Plaza, both facilities constitute a new engineering “campus” at Cal Poly. The Plaza was inspired by the Fibonacci series nautilus, representing a place of beginnings that spirals out infinitely.

Bob Kitamura, director of Facilities Planning and Capital Projects, is very pleased that the project received the award. “The cooperation between the multiple designers and builders made the difference in making this a special project for Cal Poly, and it has set the new standard for campus projects in the future,” said Kitamura.

The 19,000-square foot Bonderson Projects Center is dedicated to hands-on learning and provides specialized space for student and faculty projects. Engineering IV encompasses 104,000 square feet of state-of-the-art labs and classrooms for mechanical, industrial and manufacturing, civil and environmental, and aerospace engineering programs. The facilities opened in fall 2006 and winter 2007 respectively.

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