

MICROSOFT CANADA HEADQUARTERS WINS URBAN DESIGN AWARD

Mississauga, Ontario – November 29, 2005 / The Mississauga Urban Design Awards are an annual competition to find projects that best exemplify the City of Mississauga’s design principles and their ongoing work to promote excellence in urban design.

Yesterday at the 24th Annual Mississauga Urban Design Awards, accepting on behalf of bcIMC, Bentall was presented with an Award of Merit for **Architectural Innovation and Execution** for the **Microsoft Canada Headquarters**, 1950 Meadowvale Boulevard (bcIMC, Microsoft Canada, Sweeny Sterling Finlayson & Co Architects Inc., Adamson Associates Architects)

Design submissions are judged against the following criteria:

- contribution to enhancement of the visual image of the City,
- context or relationship of the building to other existing or planned development,
- creative and innovation use of building site and location,
- contribution to the environment and community character, and
- use and quality of building materials.

In total, the City recognized seven outstanding projects for achieving Mississauga’s highest standards in building design excellence.

“In Mississauga, design excellence is fundamental to the quality of life in our community and identifies us as a great city,” said Major Hazel McCallion. “The winning submissions in this year’s competition again have raised the bar for urban design excellence in the City of Mississauga and have set the tone for development and construction throughout the entire city. These winners are prominent landmarks to be admired and enjoyed for many years to come.”

The annual competition is open to architects, designers, planners, landscape architects, engineers, developers, owners, contractors and the general public. A wide variety of project types are

eligible, including residential, commercial, industrial, mixed-use, streetscapes, public utilities, recreational and projects which adapt or preserve existing structures.

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