



# AIA Arizona

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**News Release**

## **AIA ARIZONA ANNOUNCES 2009 APS ENERGY AWARD SMITHGROUP'S PAPAGO GATEWAY CENTER**

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**(Phoenix – September 26, 2009)** – The Arizona component of The American Institute of Architects announced the 2009 APS Energy Award, recognizing the importance of energy efficient buildings through excellence in design, planning and construction of projects located anywhere in the world that are designed by AIA Arizona architects registered and licensed in the State of Arizona on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the Celebrate Architecture gala in the Phoenix Convention Center.

The Phoenix office of SmithGroup was the recipient of the award for their design of Papago Gateway Center. A jury consisting of Phil Weddle, AIA, Rob Paulus, AIA, Lori Singleton of SRP, Larry Henson of APS and Jerry Ufnal of APS reviewed the submittals and chose the winner.

### **Papago Gateway Center**

SmithGroup  
LEED Gold Certified

Papago Gateway Center, a core and shell speculative office and laboratory building establishes a new era of flexible, responsible, sustainable development. Together, the 267,000-square-foot, six-story building and its parking structure negotiate a delicate balance between market-driven tenant needs and the celebration of the Sonoran Desert. The building's orientation minimizes the desert's harsh solar exposure on west, south, and east sides while maximizing views. North and south facades are clad in glazing, while deceptively "heavy" stone, and east and west facades anchor, transform, then peel away at the entries. The most prominent, southern façade is additionally clad with operable perforated aluminum louvers. Papago Gateway Center was awarded LEED-CS Gold Certification for the project's innovation in sustainable design.

For an extended concept statement and photos of the project, please see the appropriate file folder in the AIA Arizona 2009 Design Awards Press kit.

### **American Institute of Architects Encouraging Innovation**

The Institute encourages new thinking on critical issues, which leads to better designs, better practices—and the best possible realization of your vision. We celebrate the profession's work through a variety of awards that recognize and promote design that inspires, amazes, and truly serves while also rewarding advances on such fronts as energy efficiency, the use of earth-friendly materials, community service, and business performance.

### **American Institute of Architects Awards Programs**

The awards programs are an important part of the AIA's tradition of recognizing the outstanding achievements of individuals and organizations in support of the profession of architecture. By focusing attention on a broad range of exemplary activity in the profession, the general quality of architecture practice is elevated and a standard of excellence is established against which all architects can measure their own performance. By informing the public on the breadth and value of architecture practice, the entire profession is held in higher esteem.

The strength of the AIA's awards programs lies in the diversity of the profession and the quality of the work submitted. AIA members can play a vital role by participating in the nominations process.

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