



## **ACEC New York holds 48th annual Engineering Excellence Awards Gala; One WTC, Jaros, Baum & Bolles wins top award**

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NEW YORK, NY On Saturday, March 28th, over 700 consulting engineers and clients attended the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York's (ACEC New York) 48th annual Engineering Excellence Awards Gala at the Waldorf Astoria. Awards were presented to ACEC New York member projects in the following categories: studies, research, and consulting services; building/technology systems; structural systems; surveying and mapping technology; environmental; waste and storm water; water resources; transportation; energy; industrial and manufacturing processes and facilities; and special projects.

"ACEC New York is proud to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our member firms represented by these projects," said Joseph Amato, ACEC New York chairman. "Engineers are an essential part of our communities, designing the bridges and roads that carry us from place to place, the buildings that house us and our workplaces, and the water treatment systems that are necessary for a healthy environment. It is our mission as an organization to make sure these amazing, innovative contributions to life, as we know it, do not go unrecognized."

ACEC New York also honored two exceptional New York agencies with the Awards of Merit. The Award of Merit honorees for 2015 are the New York City Department of Design and Construction and the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation for the breadth of their operations, coordination with numerous other agencies, and commitment to design excellence. The New York City Department of Buildings was also honored with the first-ever Design Industry Excellence Award for the successful development and implementation of the 2014 construction codes. Proceeds from the event benefited the ACEC New York Scholarship Fund, formally the New York Consulting Engineering Scholarship & Educational Fund.

Diamond Awards were presented to the 25 most exceptional projects, both within New York State and worldwide. Joan McDonald, commissioner for the NYS Department of Transportation, acted as the Master of Ceremonies for the Diamond Award presentations.

The Empire Award, the top-rated project designed and built completely within New York State, was announced that night and presented to Jaros, Baum & Bolles for One World Trade Center, which features a number of innovative features for sustainability and safety, including lighting, HVAC, and wastewater recycling systems.

ACEC New York is a proactive coalition of 280 firms representing every discipline of engineering related to the built environment—civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, environmental, geotechnical—and affiliated companies. Our shared goals are to further the business interests of our membership, enhance the quality and safety of the environment we live and work in, and help ensure the vitality of our communities. A complete listing of the award-winning projects is available

on the ACEC New York website ([acecny.org](http://acecny.org)).

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