



## **LERA awarded AISC Award for 4 World Trade Center project; Received IDEAS2 Presidential Award for Excellence**

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Pictured above is the 4 WTC Design and Construction Team celebrating their award at a ceremony hosted by Silverstein Properties at 7 WTC. Photo credit: Fadi Asmar.

Manhattan, NY The American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) selected Leslie E. Robertson Associates' (LERA) 4 World Trade Center project for the top honor of the year, the IDEAS2 Presidential Award of Excellence in Engineering. William Faschan, partner, and Richard Garlock, associate partner of LERA accepted the award at a ceremony from AISC marketing manager, Larry Flynn. Hosted by Silverstein Properties at 7 World Trade Center, the ceremony featured views of 4 WTC and the entire WTC complex. Members of the design and construction team were also recognized for their part in the collaborative project effort, including the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Maki & Associates, Adamson Associates, Jaros Baum & Bolles, AKF Group, Tishman Construction and Roger & Sons Concrete.

Shown (from left) standing with their award in front of the entrance to 4 World Trade Center are: Garlock and Faschan. Photo Credit: Fadi Asmar

Presented by the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), the Presidential Award is one of the highest honors bestowed on building projects by the structural steel industry in the United States. LERA was the structural engineer for the tower.

Architect juror Chris-Annemarie Spencer, of Wheeler Kearns Architects, lauded the project's "complex structural system that is elegantly concealed." AISC President Charlie Carter, SE, PE, PhD said, "This beautiful building is itself a monument to those we lost and those who helped on that terrible day."

Upon accepting the award, Rich Garlock thanked his fellow team members and stated that "completing the project after experiencing 9/11 was a tremendous accomplishment on a personal level and for the entire downtown Manhattan community. The most rewarding part of the project is the relationships formed amongst the team members which continue today as friendships and on new projects."

Facing onto the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, 4 WTC stands alongside Freedom Tower as a linchpin of the redevelopment of downtown Manhattan. In addition to Class A office space, a 5-story retail and fine dining podium serves as an entrance to the new Westfield shopping mall that extends into Santiago Calatrava's Oculus. Designed to meet LEED Gold criteria, 4WTC is 977 ft (298 m) tall with a gross above-grade area of 2.3 million s/f (213,700 sm).

LERA is an M/WBE structural engineering firm providing services to architects, owners, contractors and developers. Since their founding in 1923, they have designed numerous landmark projects across the world and have established a strong reputation for design and technical excellence. Today, LERA's talented professionals continue the tradition of creating innovative yet constructible and economical structural designs. Headquartered in New York City, LERA also operates branch offices in Mumbai, Shanghai and Hong Kong.

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