

2010 Business Awards Winners

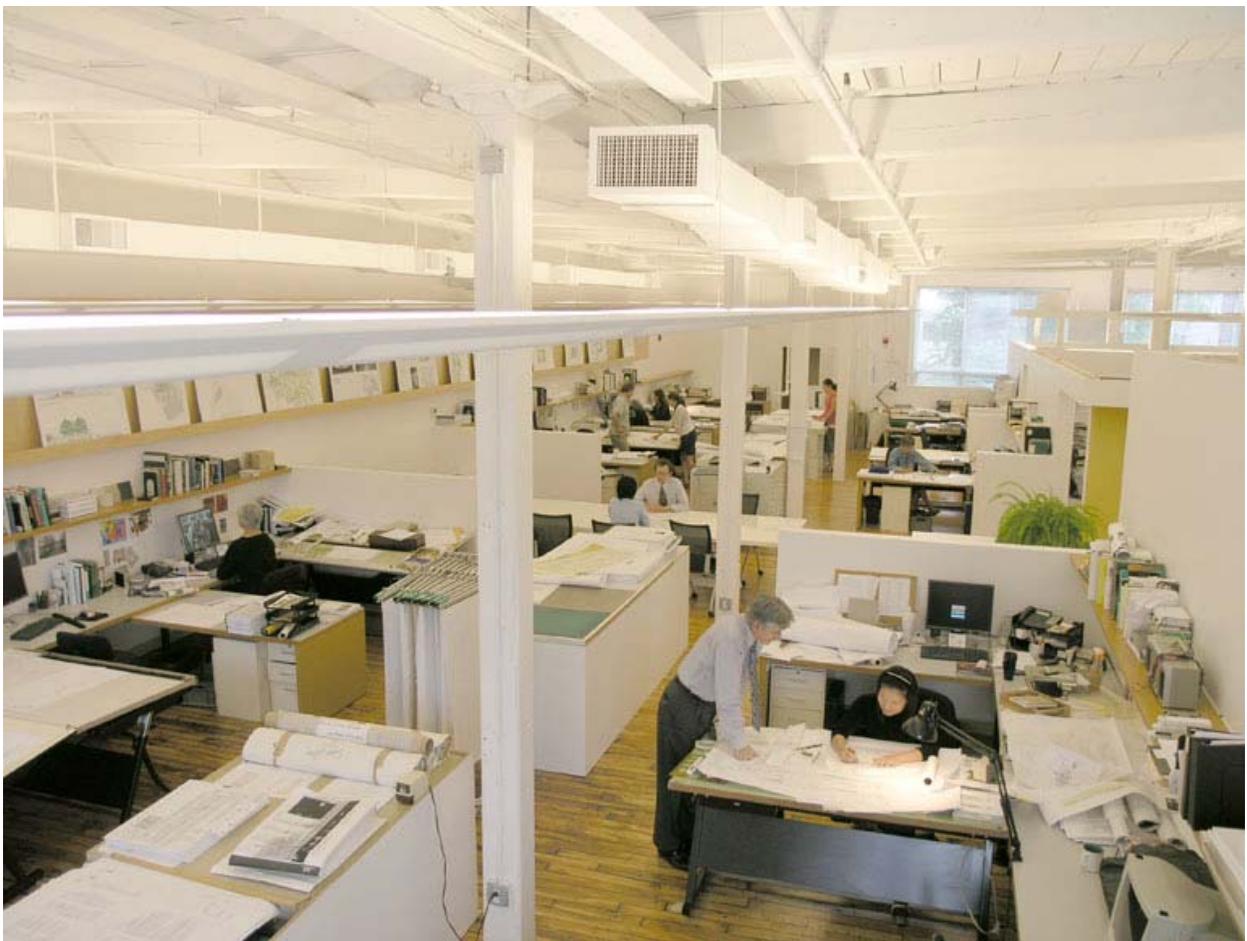
Jurors:

Rowland Ballek, Former Chairman, Essex Bank, Essex
Sheldon Kahan, President, Interstate Lumber, Greenwich
Laura Turlington, AIA, Pirie Turlington Architects, New Haven

Jury comments: Both winning projects, in the under and over 50 employee categories, show sensitivity and responsiveness to context. Both projects are restrained and thus elegant. Their dialogues with existing buildings led to high quality solutions and strike a balance between the old and the new. They both do a very good job of working with what they had, but show demonstrate that there is no doubt that they were built in the 21st century

UNDER 50 EMPLOYEES

Newick Architects, New Haven, Connecticut
Towers|Golde, LLC, New Haven, Connecticut



Photographer: Craig Newick

In the under 50 employees category, the winning project: the renovation of the Office of Towers|Golde, LLC, Landscape Architects, New Haven by Craig Newick, AIA, Newick Architects, New Haven. Newick's clients stated that they were lucky enough to find an architect who could not only plan a space that met their functional needs, but one who would help them to interpret their vision and translate it into a physical reality. A primary goal of the design was to provide some enclosure and separation from the studio while still allowing free flowing interactions between all employees. Even though the budget for this project was very modest, the architecture of the space gives a sense of seriousness of purpose to the firm.

Jury comments: The architect took what is essentially a warehouse container, and created a judicious, restrained installation. The quality of the surfaces brings attention to the existing structure. The use of color is satisfying, the space light and inviting. Despite budget constraints, the design for this project is wonderfully balanced and has led to increased productivity.

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OVER 50 EMPLOYEES

Rob Sanders Architect, LLC, Wilton, Connecticut
Canine Fence Company, Wilton, Connecticut



Photographer: Rob Sanders

In the over 50 employees category, the winning project: the Canine Fence Company, Wilton, CT by Rob Sanders, AIA, Rob Sanders Architect, LLC, Wilton. Responding to the limitations of available, usable space and the proximity of US Route 7, the architect restored an abandoned carriage barn on the property and moved other compatible, restorable buildings there to complement the existing 1840 William Nichols House, a two and a half story, center-chimney dwelling. He thus created a distinctive business environment housed within a context of 19th century rural Connecticut structures.

Jury comments: There is the same sensitive site consideration. The architect has maintained the integrity of the original 19th century structure. The building design is restrained and has integrated the barns with the house. The client noted the quality of performance among employees as well.