2014 AIA Connecticut Business Awards

Jury:
Michael Bingham, Business New Haven, New Haven
Bruce Beinfield, FAIA, Beinfield Architecture, Norwalk
Gary Annino, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Groton

Category: Over 50 Employees

Clarity Software Solutions, Inc.
Madison, CT

Duo Dickinson Architect
94 Bradley Road
Madison, CT 06443

Jury Comments: Rooted in the Shingle Style, this project is about fitting into its neighborhood and doesn’t read as a corporate headquarters. Its interiors have a sense of authenticity.
Honorable Mention

Chelsea Piers
44 North Main Street
South Norwalk, CT 06854

James G. Rogers III, FAIA, Principal-in-Charge
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Jury Comments: The jury was very impressed with the re-purposing of this building. It is innovative and demonstrates what can be done with a site, rather than just creating a brown field. This private community resource is a great example of adaptive reuse.
Jury Comments: The jury was struck by the whimsical use of color in the interiors, which makes it a fun place in which to work. The design does a good job of building and celebrating brand awareness throughout the facility. This is a very progressive design for a well-established company.
Category: Under 50 Employees

Nathan Hale Homestead Ell Addition and Renovation
Coventry, CT

Pirie Associates Architects
33 Whitney Avenue, Suite 2a
New Haven CT 06510

Principal in charge: Laura Pirie, AIA

Jury Comments: The architects' guidance of the project makes a compelling story: they used what was available to meet the program’s budgetary requirements. From the business perspective, this project was the forerunner in meeting goals. This fairly modest project has had a significant impact on business while reinforcing a historic place.
Honorable Mention

Urban Outfitters
101-107 Post Road East –Urban Outfitters/Spotted Horse
Westport, CT

Frederick William Hoag Architect
21 Jesup Road
Westport, CT 0688-

Jury comments: The building is both a dramatic contrast and a good fit with its surroundings. It successfully creates a new retail node in Westport. The new steel and glass structure, with its modern aesthetic, is juxtaposed with the adjoining historic building and helps to animate the street. Innovative and whimsical, the design has supported its business well.