

## Awards for Excellence Program Recognizes Rapid Response, Emerging Technology

From the Dewberry/NISTAC 2004-2005 hurricanes response to the design of a new hospital for the Cancer Treatment Centers of America, eight outstanding projects were celebrated at Dewberry's annual Awards for Excellence ceremony on March 11, 2006. These annual awards, reviewed by a jury of industry professionals, honored projects that stood out over the previous year for excellence in meeting client expectations and demonstrating a premier level of quality, innovation, professionalism, and project management.

The most prestigious honor, The Director's Award, went to the Dewberry/NISTAC response to the 2004-2005 hurricanes. The jury was "in awe of this project," noting that it was "an amazing collaboration." For the first time in Awards for Excellence history, the project earned a perfect score from several judges. Under a nationwide technical assistance contract, Dewberry is providing field assessments, engineering evaluations inspections, cost estimates, mitigation project evaluations, environmental services, and design services on an

on-call basis in the wake of natural and man-made disasters, on behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In the building services category, the Award for Excellence was given for the new hospital design for Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Tulsa, OK. The jury commented on the design team's "effort to explore the patient psyche" through extensive interviews with patients and families. The project's 18-month turnaround was also praised, and the jury remarked on how the project was truly a "gutsy" feat.

The firm's Westchester County, NY, Hydraulics Analysis project, involving the study of more than 130 miles of streams throughout the county within a five-month timeframe, won the collaboration category award. The jury praised the project as "a phenomenal effort by the Dewberry team." The fast-track effort required the collaboration of senior professionals throughout the firm, providing expertise in hydrology/hydraulics, water resources, and geographic information systems (GIS).

In the program's entrepreneur category, the Dewberry team responsible for providing



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open-end environmental services to New York City Transit was commended for responding to the contract's ambitious scope and providing a quick turn-around on multiple tasks. The contract involves more than 35 areas of expertise, and has included one of the most important archeological projects ever done in the city under regulatory review.

The new Big Cherry Dam in Big Stone Gap, VA, was recognized in the municipal and environmental category. The judges noted that "the project connected on many different levels including aspects of safety and environmental issues." The jury was also impressed by the "enthusiasm shown by the town" for this project, a roller compacted concrete dam constructed downstream from an existing dam. The new structure is not only safer, but has since proven instrumental in increasing the town's water supply.

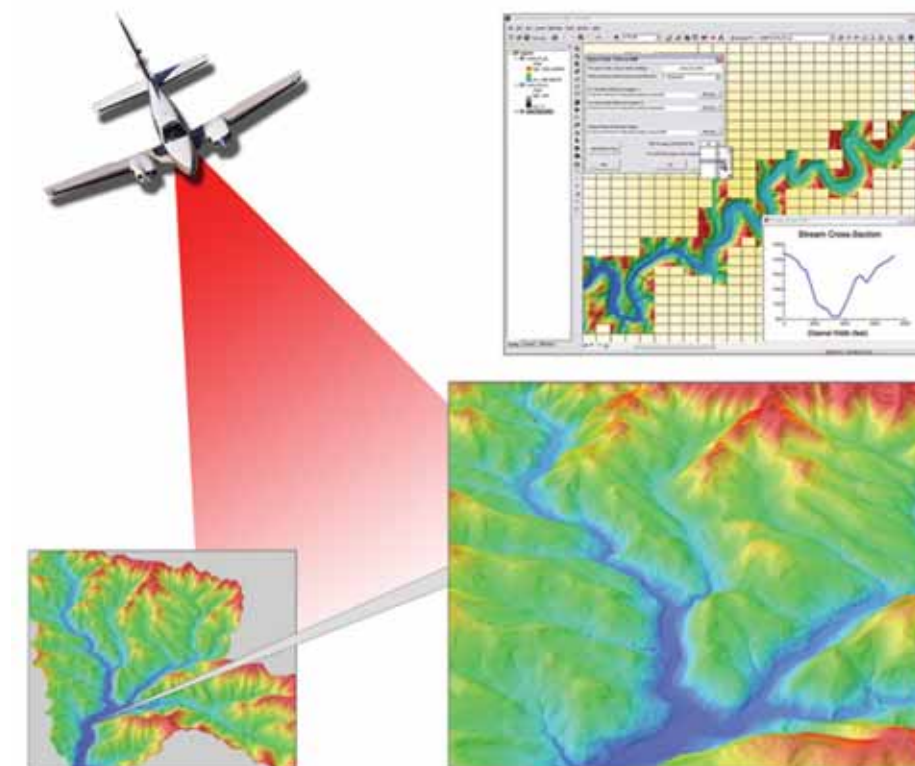
The Quality of Life Award was presented to the Danville Science Center in Danville, VA. The project involved the

adaptive reuse of the city's circa-1927, abandoned Southern Railway Administration Building into a new museum and educational center for the Science Museum of Virginia. The design effort was recognized for the "positive difference this project brought to the community" and how that in turn had a positive impact on the families and children in the area.

In the transportation and structures category, the Route 28 Interchange Improvement project, the first Public-Private Transportation Act project in Northern Virginia, earned the top award. The engineering team for the design-build effort was recognized for "enhancing the firm's record, taking a

risk, and making things easier for the client." The jury also commented on how this "innovative project produced significant return for the community, state and local governments, and is currently providing considerable traffic congestion relief."

This year, the Judge's Award was presented to the LIDAR Quality Management project team. Members of the jury commented on the "cutting-edge technology," involving a laser beam system to support high-precision, three-dimensional mapping efforts. The jury applauded the firm's application of the emerging technology to a number of diverse engineering and topographic mapping applications.



*The Danville Science Center adaptive reuse design was honored for its positive impact on the surrounding community.*

### 2006 Awards for Excellence Jury

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◀ *The jurors were impressed with the LIDAR Quality Management project's cutting-edge technology.*