

## 2007 INSTITUTE HONOR AWARDS FOR ARCHITECTURE

### *Project*

**University of Michigan,  
Biomedical Science Research Building**  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

### *Architect*

**Polshek Partnership Architects, LLP**  
New York City

### *Owner*

**University of Michigan**  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

### *Notes of Interest*

This 435,000-square-foot building provides 250 biomolecular research labs for the university's 1,000 users. The building forms a connection between the main campus and the medical school and serves as the med school's new front door.



The atrium is a centralized space where the researchers and students can interact. The offices provide an organic foil to the rectilinear nature of the laboratories through the introduction of a double glass curtain wall that also assists in environmental controls. The curved ribbon wall achieves maximum daylighting and view, better thermal comfort and energy performance, and better acoustical separation from the street.

### *Jury Comments*

*“This is a very difficult, large building type that is executed beautifully... Well crafted and meticulously detailed, this building is a flagship for the campus...The complexity of it is done for a reason, not just as a willful gesture...It’s a breath of fresh air and the best we’ve seen in this building type.”*

### *Additional Credits*

#### *Landscape Architect*

Hargreaves Associates  
Cambridge, Mass.

#### *General Contractor*

Gilbane/Clark Joint Venture  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

#### *Engineers*

Severud Associates  
New York City

#### *Engineers*

Bard Rao + Athanas  
Watertown, Mass.

#### *Consultants*

GPR Planners Collaborative; Brandston Partnership; Schirmer Engineering Corporation; Wolf & Company; Robert Schwartz & Associates; Heitmann & Associates; Iros Elevator; Rowan Williams Davies & Irwin; Ducibella, Venter and Santore; Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May; Shen, Milson & Wilke; Poulin + Morris; NTH Consultants; Kowalski-Dickow Associates; Buro Happold

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