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Massena New Land Port of Entry Recognized as Among the Best in Public Architecture

*GSA Design Award Winners Showcase Federal Government's
Commitment to Sustainable and Innovative Design*

NEW YORK CITY – The new Land Port of Entry at Massena New York has received yet another honor with the presentation of one of the U.S. General Service Administration's 2010 Design Awards. GSA's biennial Design Awards recognize the best in public architecture and civilian federal workplaces including land ports of entry, federal courthouses, and office buildings.

The Design Award winners are selected by a jury of private sector design and building professionals. This year's 11 award winners showcase the federal government's commitment to cutting-edge architectural design and its focus on sustainability. The Massena Land Port of Entry was recognized for both its architecture as well as the public art that was installed there under GSA's Art in Architecture Program.

"Our Northeast and Caribbean Region is very proud of the honors this project has received, and what they speak to in terms of how we are delivering new federal facilities that not only meet and serve the needs of our client agencies, but also enhance their local communities with their innovative, sustainable designs. This is truly a win-win-win all around," said [GSA Regional Administrator Denise L. Pease](#).

"GSA is working hard to change the look and feel of federal buildings," said GSA Administrator Martha Johnson. "We are making the investments now to save energy and taxpayer money in the future. The winning projects mark not just innovation in design, but also, rapid progress toward our nation's sustainability goals."

Massena's new Land Port of Entry, designed by Smith-Miller+Hawkinson Architects of New York City, sits on a 45-acre site and has provided expanded and enhanced capability for transportation through this important border crossing. In addition, this new Port of Entry incorporates state of the art communications, information management, security systems and inspection booths, all of which are critical to the operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. It also includes several sustainable features such as efficient flush fixtures, thermal protective wrap, use of local sources and manufacturers for building materials, and use of alternative renewable energy sources (wind and hydroelectric) for approximately 35% of its electricity needs. The redesigned traffic patterns at the site also reduce its impact on the local watershed.

Last year the Massena LPOE was also recognized with a 2010 Green GOOD DESIGN Award from the Chicago Athenaeum/European Centre for Architecture, Art and Urban Design Studies, as well as being selected by NY Construction magazine and Engineering News Record for one of its Best of 2010 awards.

Alan Michelson's "Third Bank of the River," a 40 foot long art glass window panorama documenting several miles of the local border shoreline between the U.S. and Canada that is installed at the site, was also recognized last year by the Public Art Network (PAN). It was included in that group's 2010

Year in Review, an annual compilation of the most compelling works of public art from around the country.

“Through collaboration with some of the best architects and engineers in the country, we are creating a welcoming and sustainable federal presence in communities across the country,” said GSA Commissioner of Public Buildings Robert A. Peck. “GSA’s Design Awards celebrate the energy and creativity of everyone who works tirelessly to deliver the best in public architecture.”

The complete list of 2010 GSA Design Award winners includes:

- United States Land Port of Entry, Warroad, Minn. – ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN HONORS; CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE CITATIONS
- United States Land Port of Entry, Massena, N.Y. – ARCHITECTURE AND ART CITATIONS
- United States Land Port of Entry, Calais, Maine – ARCHITECTURE CITATION
- Historic District of Columbia Courthouse, Washington, D.C. – PRESERVATION CITATION
- United States Courthouse, Cedar Rapids, Iowa – PRESERVATION CITATION
- Federal Parking Garage, San Juan, Puerto Rico – ON-THE-BOARDS ARCHITECTURE CITATION
- United States Land Port of Entry, Van Buren, Maine – ON-THE-BOARDS ARCHITECTURE CITATION
- Mariposa Land Port of Entry, Nogales, Ariz. – ON-THE-BOARDS COMMUNICATIONS CITATION
- Peter W. Rodino Federal Building modernization, Newark, N.J. – ON-THE-BOARDS ENGINEERING CITATION
- Dr. A.H. McCoy Federal Building modernization, Jackson, Miss. – ON-THE-BOARDS URBANISM
- United States Courthouse, San Diego, Calif. – ON-THE-BOARDS URBANISM

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