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PROJECTS ENGINEERED BY MUELLER ASSOCIATES WIN MAJOR DESIGN AWARDS

AIABaltimore Recognizes Three of Firm's Higher Education, Cultural Projects

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Three projects engineered by Baltimore-based Mueller Associates have received high honors in the Baltimore chapter of the American Institute of Architects' (AIABaltimore) Excellence in Design competition for 2014. The University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) Performing Arts and Humanities Building and the University of Delaware Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering (ISE) Laboratory both won Design Awards for Higher Education. The Russian Lounge at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts won a Design Award in the Cultural/Institutional category.

Mueller Associates provided mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) engineering for all three projects. The \$123 million UMBC Performing Arts and Humanities Building, recently completed after a four-year, two-phase construction effort, was designed by the architectural team of William Rawn Associates, Architects, Inc., with Grimm + Parker Architects. The 176,000-square-foot facility includes a 350-seat concert hall, a proscenium theater, a black box theater, dance and recording studios, classrooms, and labs. In addition to MEP engineering for the facility, Mueller Associates designed several infrastructure improvements to support the building, including an expansion of the campus central plant.

The University of Delaware's new ISE Lab is a four-story, 200,000-square-foot building designed by the architectural firm of Ayers Saint Gross. The \$140 million facility has helped transform and expand the university's science and engineering programs with state-of-the-art research and laboratory spaces, classrooms, and a 9,000-square-foot clean room. The building supports integrated teaching, learning, and research; and includes space for the university's Energy Institute and the Delaware Environmental Institute.



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The Kennedy Center's new Russian Lounge is a transformation of the former Golden Circle Lounge, located on the Box Tier level of the Opera House. Designed by RCG Architects with Russian Designer Yuri Avvakumov of AgitArch, the Russian Lounge showcases Russian art in a contemporary, elegant setting. Mueller Associates provided MEP engineering for the unique space, and has completed numerous projects at the Kennedy Center in recent years.

The awards were presented at the AIABaltimore Excellence in Design gala on October 10, held in the new concert hall at the UMBC Performing Arts and Humanities Building. The awards program and gala are part of AIABaltimore's annual celebration of Baltimore Architecture Month.

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