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Mueller Associates Receives IAMFA's Diplomat Award

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The International Association of Museum Facility Administrators (IAMFA) has presented Mueller Associates, a Baltimore-based mechanical/electrical engineering firm, with its 2022 Diplomat Award. The award recognizes enterprises “whose support has significantly advanced IAMFA’s mission...with exceptional efforts to provide outreach, innovation, and external expertise critical to our success as an organization.”

Mueller is an IAMFA Founding Sponsor. The firm has provided expertise to museums and other cultural institutions throughout the mid-Atlantic for more than half a century, serving more than 45 clients in the museum field since its founding in 1966. Clients include the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art, the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg, the Walters Art Museum, the Glenstone Museum, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and many others.

Notable museum and cultural projects include the \$1 billion modernization of the National Air and Space Museum, the renovation of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, the restoration of the historic Bird House at the Smithsonian National Zoo, and ongoing improvements at Dumbarton Oaks Research Library, all in Washington, D.C. Other recent projects include the renovation and expansion of the Muskegon Museum of Art in Michigan; the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton, Va.; and the Center for the Study of Prints, Drawings, and Photographs and the Center for Matisse Studies at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

“Your contributions to IAMFA through your sponsorship, educational programming, participation in our annual conferences, and support as an IAMFA Founding Sponsor have contributed greatly to our Association’s success,” IAMFA President Nancy J. Bechtol stated. “You and all at Mueller have contributed to the advancement and growth of our Association and exemplify this award through your vision and leadership. Thank you for your many contributions to the greater museum and cultural community, and to IAMFA.”

In his acceptance speech on behalf of Mueller, Jason Dittrich, director of business development & marketing, noted the timeless importance of the arts. “As artists, curators, preservationists, protectors, and lovers of the history of the arts, out of many, we are one,” he noted. “After tragedies—wars, conflicts, pandemics, and societal unrest—we return to the arts for comfort, resilience, and determination. Within the arts, we rediscover ourselves and reflect on how we can also become activists in improving our communities.”

About Mueller Associates

Established in 1966, Mueller Associates delivers mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection engineering services for cultural facilities, museums, higher education institutions, libraries, performing and fine arts centers, historic preservation, government facilities, and other institutional and corporate facilities. Mueller specializes in engineering solutions for complex and stringent environmental control and energy conservation. The firm is a leader and innovator in sustainability and resilience.

Current and recent projects include the new Capital One Hall in Tysons, Virginia; George Mason University's new Fuse at Mason Square in Arlington, Va.; the modernization of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore; the George Washington University Corcoran School of the Arts and Design in Washington, D.C.; Morgan State University's Tyler Hall in Baltimore; the Fernandez Family Center for Innovation and Collaborative Learning at Loyola University in Baltimore; the Torggler Fine Arts Center at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va.; the Duke University InterProfessional Education and Care Building in Durham, N.C, and numerous projects for Northrop Grumman Corporation throughout the Baltimore-Washington University. For more information, visit www.muellerassoc.com.