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National Postal Museum Wins Major Award for Design and Construction

Mueller Associates Provided Mechanical/Electrical Engineering for New Exhibit Space in DC

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The William H. Gross Stamp Gallery at the National Postal Museum in Washington, DC, has received an Award of Merit in Engineering News-Record's Best Projects of 2014 program for the Mid-Atlantic. The project was designed for the Smithsonian Institution by the architectural firm of Cho Benn Holback + Associates with Gallagher & Associates as the exhibit designer. Baltimore-based Mueller Associates, which specialized in engineering for museums and other complex environments, provided mechanical, electrical, and plumbing engineering. Clark Construction Group served as the general contractor.

The 14,000-square-foot space houses the largest philatelic gallery in the world, with more than 20,000 exhibit pieces, artifacts, and interactive displays. The renovation of the street-level space also included restoration of the historic Postmaster Suite, which dates to the building's original construction in 1914.

The gallery has received numerous additional awards to date, including Best Interior Project from the Associated General Contractors of Washington, DC; an Award of Excellence from NAIOP MD/DC for Best Interiors; and a Craftsmanship Award from the Washington Building Council.

The ENR Mid-Atlantic awards were presented Friday, December 12, in Baltimore.

About Mueller Associates

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