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Thomas Murphy Receives the 2010 James Kling Fellowship Award

AIA-MBA Joint Committee Reward Collaboration between area Architects and General Contractors

Pittsburgh, PA – The AIA-MBA Joint Committee announced that Thomas Murphy is the recipient of the 2010 James Kling Fellowship Award. Mr. Murphy recently retired as President from Jendoco Construction Corporation, a Pittsburgh-based commercial general contractor.

The James Kling Fellowship Award was established by the AIA-MBA Joint Committee to recognize those individuals who best exemplify collaboration between the design and constructor professions. These individuals, through their action and example, provide both members of the AIA and the MBA standards of excellence to strive for in an effort to bridge the gap between both professions. To qualify for this award, individuals must be nominated by the opposite profession. Mr. Murphy was nominated by Chip Desmone, AIA, Principal, Desmone & Associates Architects.

“To me, Tom Murphy is the epitome of collaboration in construction,” said Mr. Desmone at a ceremony to present Mr. Murphy with this prestigious award. “Throughout his career Tom instilled a trusting atmosphere that allowed teamwork to flourish from all entities on a project. For his actions, Tom is highly respected by our region’s architectural community.”

The namesake of this award, James Kling, is after a longstanding figure on the AIA-MBA Joint Committee. Mr. Kling passed away in November of 2008. The plaque to commemorate this award features a picture of Three Rivers Stadium, one of many projects designed over the highly regarded career of Mr. Kling. The award plaque will be displayed in the MBA Conference Center, where the Joint Committee meets monthly.

Chartered in 1965, the AIA-MBA Joint Committee consist of ten (10) architects and ten (10) contractors representing the American Institute of Architects Pittsburgh Chapter and the Master Builders’ Association of Western PA, respectively. The AIA-MBA Joint Committee provides a unique forum that promotes the exchange of ideas between architects and contractors; these activities have advanced the cooperative working relationship enjoyed by both associations.

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