

SK&I Receives Builder's Choice and AIA/DC Chapter Awards for Metro

BETHESDA, Md. – Oct. 16 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – 2006: The Metro, designed by SK&I Architectural Design Group (www.skiarch.com), has been named the recipient of two awards this fall: the Builder's Choice Award of Merit and the AIA/DC Chapter Award of Merit.



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BUILDER magazine has awarded the Builder's Choice Award – its most prestigious – for 26 years, and Metro was one of nearly 400 entries in this year's competition. Metro won in the Attached & Multifamily Homes category and was judged on its innovation in architecture, floor plan efficiency, creative use of materials, and interior design.

The juried AIA/DC Chapter Award – sponsored by the Washington D.C. Chapter of the American Institute of Architects – recognizes excellence in architecture in the metropolitan region, and received over 100 submissions from local architects.

"We are thrilled that Metro continues to be recognized by our peers," said SK&I President Sami Kirkdil, AIA. "The Metro's modern yet contextual architecture is emblematic of how we respond to design challenges." The Metro also won an AIA-Washingtonian Award this year.

The Metro is located on Church Street in Washington, DC's revitalized 14th Street corridor, formerly the automotive show-room district. It is distinguished by a hybrid design consisting of three separate industrial brick façade sections facing the street and a contemporary, sawtooth-patterned facade of floor-to-ceiling glass and steel at the building's rear.

The BUILDER and AIA/DC juries praised The Metro for its ability to fit into its neighborhood context of early-20th century industrial structures and achieve its intention of appearing as separate structures built over a period of time, as well as its plan efficiency. The building contains 53 condominiums on a 1/5-acre lot.

About SK&I

Founded in 1999, SK&I has designed over 6 million sq. feet of buildings, establishing SK&I as one of the fastest growing architectural firms in the Washington DC metropolitan region. This award-winning firm is a recognized leader in complex residential and mixed-use design, with extensive experience in urban multifamily and mixed-use projects.

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SK&I Projects...The Metro; The Desoto; Lofts 590; The Adele; View 14; Carlyle Block O; Washington Gateway; Western Avenue; Chase Point; The Ellsworth; Constitution Square; The Berkeley; Spinnaker Bay; The Paramount at Reston; Massachusetts Court; 1441 Rhode Island Avenue; The Edgemoor; The Montgomery at Wheaton Metro; The Flats and Warehouses at Union Row; Jenkins Row; The Habitat for Humanity Silverwood Project; Capitol Hill Tower; Park Potomac Building 1; The Halstead at Dunn Loring; The Fedora; The Village at Shirlington; Chase Point Condominiums; Carlyle Block L; Lot 31; Studio Plaza; The Reserve at Tyson's Corner; Park Potomac Building 2; King Street; Abingdon Row; 2251 Wisconsin Avenue; High Acres; Wisconsin Place; 1800 Wilson Boulevard; The Silverton.

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