

New Buildings

Institute honored

Vancouver-based New Buildings Institute was awarded the California Energy Commission Public Interest Energy Research Program's top prize for energy efficient design. The institute's \$2 million effort, called "Evidence-Based Design and Operations," was ranked first out of 13 submissions.

The project included an energy savings assessment and enhanced skylighting model to improve efficiency.

Vancouver office vacancy falls slightly

Vacancy in Vancouver's office market fell more than a percentage point to 16 percent in the first quarter of 2009, according to reports from NAI Norris, Beggs and Simpson. More than 62,242 square feet were absorbed, and more than half of that was in Class A space.

Clark recognized for Cairo partnership

Clark College was awarded the 2009 national Collaboration Award of the Community College National Center for Community Engagement.

The honor recognized the school's international service-learning partnership

with the St. John American International School in Cairo. The program provided Egyptian students with English skills practice and Clark students with instruction in Egyptian culture.

GWI Software releases c.Support 8.0

Vancouver-based GWI Software has released the latest version of c.Support, its web-based help desk software. The company says the update incorporates numerous performance improvements and additional management tools, including an enhanced user interface, alerts, and other graphical design options.

Electrical collectives win governor's award

The National Electrical Contractors Association and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48's joint safety committee won the Oregon Governor's Occupational Safety and Health award. The honor is given to committees that make substantial efforts in the reduction of workplace injury and illness.

Several Southwest Washington companies are affiliated with NECA, including Vancouver-based Electrix.