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Platinum project in Olympia wins design-build award

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A team of Puget Sound companies were recently awarded the National Design-Build Award in the under \$5 million project category for the headquarters of the Washington Public Utility Districts Association in Olympia.

The LEED platinum building was also one of three finalists for the Best Overall Award from the Design-Build Institute of America.

Mountain Construction was the design-build contractor for the project and Helix Design Group was the architect. Olympic Associates was the owner's representative.

Other team members include Sitts & Hill Engineers, structural and civil engineers; Sunset Air, LEED consultant and HVAC subcontractor; Electric Systems, electrical subcontractor; and Tacoma Plumbing and Heating, plumbing subcontractor.



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The 20,200-square-foot building is a two-story structure above a parking garage that was designed to complement historic neighboring buildings. It has efficient water fixtures and lighting controls, and a 34-kilowatt roof-top solar installation with 159 photovoltaic panels.

Earlier this year the Associated General Contractors of Washington selected the project for the 2008 Construction Excellence Award in the green building category. The team has also been recognized by McGraw-Hill's Northwest Construction Magazine as the 2008 winner in the design-build category. The Washington PUD Association is the trade association of Washington's 27 Public Utility Districts, serving about 1.7 million customers across the state.

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