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Dirtworks, PC receives 2008 BSA / AIA New York Housing Design Award Citation

New York, NY – August 12, 2008 – Dirtworks, PC was part of the design team that received the 2008 Boston Society of Architects / AIA New York Housing Design Award Citation for the Student Residence Hall (New York City) for Teacher’s College at Columbia University. Mitchell-Giurgola Architects led the design team of highly regarded and locally based design and engineering consultants.

According to the jury members, “This urban student residence hall is a through-block infill project on a previously undeveloped site in a residential neighborhood to the north of the nearby university “super blocks”...It’s massing and brick façade with terra cotta detail makes it a very sympathetic addition to the existing early 20th-century buildings that bound it, while its two slender towers vary the topography of the skyline.”

Two landscaped roof terraces occupy the ground level interstitial spaces and connect the north and south buildings and weave together interior and exterior spaces. Within these terraces, three-dimensional, ivy covered metal trellises interact with backless wood benches to create a series of spaces for studying, relaxing, socializing and sunning. At night the architectural forms of the vine boxes glow from within, to visually activate the space and to extend the hours of use.

About the BSA

The Boston Society of Architects (BSA) administers programs and provides resources that enhance the practice of architecture and the public and professional understanding of design. Since its establishment in 1867, this nonprofit professional service organization has been a committed advocate of excellence in the built environment and increased service of the profession to society.

About Dirtworks, PC

Dirtworks, PC (www.dirtworks.us) is an internationally recognized and award-winning landscape architecture firm. Its designs enhance the restorative quality of the natural environment. The firm, founded in 1995, provides clients with the creativity and technical knowledge essential to project design and site planning. Dirtworks, PC provides a full range of professional services with a staff of technically trained and design-oriented landscape architects.

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