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## Suffolk Captures Awards of Excellence

The Hampton Roads Association for Commercial Real Estate (HRACRE) recently announced that two buildings in Suffolk were recipients of Excellence in Development Design Awards for 2008.

HRACRE's Excellence in Development Design Awards program recognizes outstanding projects throughout Hampton Roads. This year, HRACRE awarded Virginia Commerce Center Building 100, located on Kenyon Road near Downtown with an Award of Merit. Also awarded was the Virginia Modeling, Analysis & Simulation Center, located in northern Suffolk, which received an Award of Excellence.

Virginia Commerce Center Building 100 was entered in the Best R&D/Flex/Industrial Building category. The state-of-the-art distribution facility will accommodate a multitude of industrial users and maximize flexibility in layout options. The building, made of architectural tilt-up concrete panels, can be used by a single tenant or can be divided into multiple tenant spaces. The 385,320 square-foot building was constructed by McDonald Development Company.

The Virginia Modeling, Analysis & Simulation Center (VMASC) was entered in the Best Institutional/Public Building category. This building along with the Tri-Cities Building, located in Portsmouth, is the first phase of the Hampton Roads Crossing mixed-use master plan which currently includes academic and research buildings, a Class A office building as well as a residential future phase including hospitality and retail. Both buildings have classrooms, labs and offices, but VMASC is more of a research and development facility, while the Tri-Cities building houses more general classroom space. The architecture is expressive of the the modeling and simulation concept that is indicative of the Harbour View corridor.



Virginia Commerce Center Building 100. Best R&D / Flex / Industrial Building Award of Merit



Virginia Modeling, Analysis, & Simulation Center. Best Institutional / Public Building Award of Excellence

"Suffolk continues to endorse good design standards for commercial and industrial development" states Suffolk Mayor Linda T. Johnson. "We congratulate both McDonald Development Company and HL Development on their wins and we look forward to seeing what next year will hold."