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## State Receives Entries for Governor's Achievement Awards

(PHOENIX, AZ – October 20, 2008) The School Facilities Board is pleased to report that it received a total of 59 submissions in response to its call for entries for the Governor's Achievement Awards for Innovative School Design. There were seven categories of specific design attributes the SFB established to highlight the characteristics that distinguish schools as 21<sup>st</sup> century level facilities. Those categories are: Accessibility for All; Applied Technology for Teaching & Learning; Centers of Community; Personalized Learning Spaces; Safety by Design; Sustainable Design; and Overall Architectural Design.

The 59 entries represented 41 schools from 27 school districts in 6 counties. There were 15 architectural firms who submitted entries. They are: ADM Group, Antoine Predock, Architecture Resources Team, BWS Architects, DLR Group, EMC2, Gilleland Brubaker, HAD Architects, Hunt & Caraway, Loren Sadler, NTD Architecture, Orcutt | Winslow, SSPW Architects, Swaim Associates, and T. Howard & Associates.

A panel of judges will review all entries and make a recommendation of the semi-finalists to the School Facilities Board. The judges are: Marlene Imirzian, AIA, Marlene Imirzian & Associates, LLC, Architects; Lauren Kielsmeier, Policy Advisor to Governor Napolitano on Education; Deborah Moore, Executive Editor & Publisher of School Facilities & Management Magazine; Tom Rushin, SFB Board Member & retired school administrator; Michael Schroeder, AIA, architect; and Arlen Solochek, AIA, District Director, Facilities Planning & Development, Maricopa Community Colleges.

The Board will then select the finalists in each category for consideration by the Governor who will make the final selection for recognition. Each award will recognize the school itself, the

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architect, and the general contactor responsible for the project. Governor Napolitano's final selections will be announced in December.