CHANDLER CITY HALL EXTERIOR HONORED WITH IALD AWARD OF MERIT LIGHTING DESIGN BY SMITHGROUP

LAS VEGAS, NV USA, 10 MAY 2012 | Fifteen award winners representing architectural lighting design projects from seven countries comprise the winners of the 29th Annual International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) International Lighting Design Awards, recognized at a presentation held 10 May at the Renaissance Hotel in Las Vegas, NV USA. Of the 15 projects recognized, two entries earned Special Citations, six earned Awards of Merit and seven earned Awards of Excellence.

Drawing on the dichotomy of Chandler’s ranching history and high tech future, lighting sought to establish the building’s nighttime presence, encourage public interaction with the building and inner courtyard, and convey the city’s “transparent” message.

“‘Transparency’ exemplified,” one judge stated. “Civic illumination raises the human spirit and conviction that democracy works.”

Stone forms, representative of the historic past of the city, are illuminated by warm MH lighting that accents texture. In contrast, glass and metal elements subtly reference Chandler’s chip industry future with cool white light. Referencing Chandler’s high tech industry, cool white LED “digital lines” represent “data streams” flowing down the façade and onto the lobby ceiling, drawing visitors inside.

Courtyard lighting sought to encourage public usage while promoting a sense of safety. The design creatively utilizes perceptual brightness of illuminated landscaping, canopies, and views inside through glazing to create a perimeter of brightness. The notion of public transparency is enhanced with views into the illuminated interiors. Landscape lighting creates human scale and adds a layer of visual texture.

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