

Local Construction Project Receives National Attention

Steele Structural Engineering's design for the Erie Western Pennsylvania Port Authority (EWPPA) Cruise Boat Visitor's Terminal has received the prestigious American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) Merit Award in the 2003 Engineering Awards of Excellence (EAE). The awards give national recognition to structural engineering excellence and innovation in steel framed building projects.

"It's a feather in Erie's cap to get this kind of recognition", stated Mr. Steele. "The AISC awards are the 'Oscars' of the steel industry... to have this kind of project in Erie really says something about the renaissance our bay front is experiencing."

This years AISC EAE Merit winners are: The Dallas Convention Center Expansion & the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport Consolidated Rent-a-Car Facility (both projects are in the over \$100M category), Universal Studio's Sues Landing in Orlando & Erie-on-the-Park in Chicago (both over \$25M), the New Haven Athletic Center (over \$10M) and the **EWPPA Cruise Boat Visitor's Terminal in Erie, PA** (under \$10M).

The awards will be presented at the 2003 North American Steel Construction Conference (April 2-5, 2003 in Baltimore, MD). National and Merit Award Winners will also be featured in an upcoming issue of Modern Steel Construction Magazine.

The EWPPA Cruise Boat Visitors Terminal is located at the foot of Holland Street in Erie, Pennsylvania. The architect was Weborg Rectenwald Buehler Architects, Inc. (WRB); the general contractor was Considine Biebel & Company; the steel fabricator/detailer was Amthor Steel and the steel erector was Cararra Steel Erectors.

Steele Structural Engineering is located in Erie, Pennsylvania and specializes in structural design for commercial, educational and industrial facilities. Established in 1994, SSE's varied portfolio includes such projects as the recently opened *Scott's Splash Lagoon Indoor Water Park Resort* (Erie, PA), the new *Audrey Hirt Academic Center* (Erie, PA), and the 2000 Steel Joist Institute (SJI) award winning *First Alliance Church Sanctuary* (Erie, PA – also a WRB project).

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