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## Shaw Contract Group Announces 2009 Design Is... Award Finalists

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**Cartersville, Ga. – June 15, 2009** – The Shaw Contract Group Design Is... Award recognizes inspirational and visionary design across the commercial interiors landscape. After evaluating more than 300 projects that were submitted for this year's program, a judging panel of design experts narrowed down the field, deciding on the final 16 projects. Each of these world class projects are profiled on the new [shawcontractgroup.com](http://shawcontractgroup.com) and users can vote for their favorite to receive the People's Choice Award. Voting is open to all visitors to the site and will remain live through June 30. All Design Is... Award winners, including the People's Choice, will be announced on August 7, 2009.

"The Design Is... Award program celebrates more than just beautiful spaces. We've captured 16 projects as finalists that surmount simple beauty to deliver innovative solutions, impacting the people who encounter the space and the functions that take place within," says John Stephens, vice president of marketing. "Our finalists include projects by top firms from the corporate, healthcare, education and retail sectors, and the design community can help us select the People's Choice winner by voting for the project that best represents what design is."

### 2009 Design Is... Award Finalists:

#### Firm

Mozu  
KlingStubbins  
SKB Architecture & Design  
Valerio Dewalt Train Associates  
OWP/P  
lauckgroup  
Gensler  
Perkins+Will  
Champigny Raymond Studio  
Gensler  
Huntsman Architectural Group  
VOA Associates Incorporated  
HNIC  
Anshen + Allen Architects  
Ballinger  
Shimoda Design Group

#### Project

Concord Music Group  
Novo Nordisk- Headquarters Expansion  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
eBay B17  
Veolia Environnement  
Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, LLP  
Safeco Insurance  
Bank of America Corporate Center Renovation  
PALM + HAVAS  
Invesco, Ltd.  
ServiceSource  
VOA Associates Incorporated Headquarters  
In Holland Hogeschool (University)  
Stanford Medicine Outpatient Center Redwood City  
Penn Hospice @ Rittenhouse  
Steelcase Work Life Center Chicago

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The 2009 judging panel represents a diverse cross section of the design community, with specialists in the corporate, education and healthcare markets. Cheryl Durst, executive vice president and CEO of the International Interior Design Association, moderated the judging process.

- **Douglas Giesy** - Douglas is a design director at Gensler. With a career spanning two decades in the worlds of finance and design, his projects include California Institute of Regenerative Medicine, Fosters Wine Estates Americas, UBS Private Wealth Management, Silver Lake Partners and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.
- **Susan Gladden, IIDA, NCIDQ** - Susan is a senior consultant to Fanning Howey, a nationally-recognized firm specializing in the planning and design of education and community complexes, with particular emphasis on sustainability. Susan is a member of the International Interior Design Association and a past Board Member of the IIDA Ohio Regional Chapter Board.
- **Suzen Heeley, LEED AP** - Suzen is the director of design + construction at Hackensack University Medical Center. Suzen has been a contract interior design for over 20 years and promotes environmentally responsible, supportive healthcare design to enhance patient and family experience.
- **Karen League, ASID, LEED AP** - Most recently, Karen was senior vice president and director of interior design at Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum. Her notable projects include Atlanta City Hall, Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and The Carter Center, Bell South Midtown Campus Interiors and Equifax Headquarters Interiors.
- **Joey Shimoda, AIA** - Joey is founder of Shimoda Design Group, a studio founded on a multi-disciplined platform that seeks to bring quality design, innovation and technical excellence in projects of every scale. Joey also participates in symposiums and student reviews at USC, UCLA, SCI-ARC, Art Center and Woodbury University, and he is a board member of the board of directors for the Los Angeles Chapter of the AIA.

In its fourth year, the Design Is... Award seeks entrants to explain their definition of design. Entries are asked to describe the challenges, processes and results from their projects and will be judged by a panel of design experts. Because carpet is only a part of the project, the overall design of the space is considered. Entry information for the 2010 Design Is... Awards is available at [www.shawcontractgroup.com](http://www.shawcontractgroup.com).

### About Shaw Contract Group

Shaw Contract Group defines design not only by great appearance, but also performance and sustainability. The result is long-lasting carpet with vibrant colors, distinctive patterns, and minimal environmental impact. As a division of Shaw Industries, Shaw Contract Group combines the expertise of the world's largest carpet manufacturer with the financial stability of a Berkshire Hathaway subsidiary. For more information, visit [www.shawcontractgroup.com](http://www.shawcontractgroup.com).

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