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South Seattle Community College Building Design Wins Accessibility Award

Sensitivity and responsiveness to access for people with disabilities has resulted in a design award from the state for a proposed Instructional Technology Center at South Seattle Community College (SSCC).

The State Facilities Accessibility Advisory Committee, which is part of the Department of General Administration, will present SSCC and LMN Architects each with a 2002 Universal Design Award at a Nov. 8 ceremony in Lacey. The awards are a part of the Department of General Administration's Barrier-Free Facilities Program.

Accepting the award on behalf of the college will be Matthew Horwitz, director of facilities planning and operations, and for LMN Architects, Thomas Gerard, associate.

The awards are a result of the flexibility shown by Horwitz and Gerard in responding to the State Facilities Accessibility Advisory Committee's recommendations for an improved design. The successful design review process created a building friendlier for all future users, including replacement of ramps and stairs with gentle slopes. The modifications also have a secondary benefit: \$55,000 in savings to taxpayers.

The Instructional Technology Center is a \$19 million project that will meet the college's need for more computer classrooms, science laboratories, a high-tech lecture auditorium, and administrative and instructional office space.

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