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## **News & Observer receives honors from design community Newspaper's Garner facility receives Merit Award from AIA Triangle**



RALEIGH – April 24, 2007 – KlingStubbins was the recipient of a Merit Award at this year's AIA Triangle Design Awards reception for their design for the renovation of the News & Observer's Garner facility. The award acknowledges the firm's efforts to create a dynamic workspace in an industrial setting.

The project is the first phase of a long range strategy to relocate all of the N&O's production operations out of downtown Raleigh. Located in an anonymous existing warehouse space in a fringe industrial area, the renovation created new employee office and amenity space for the inserting operation.

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KlingStubbins' Design Principal for the project, Michael Stevenson, AIA, LEED® AP, commented, "The design goals were to create an enhanced workplace for the News & Observer employees, reflect the identity of the newspaper within a previously nondescript facility, improve operational efficiency, and improve employee safety, wayfinding, and comfort."

The design solution uses simple, planar forms and bold colors to be legible within the high-bay industrial space dominated by large machinery. Materials were chosen for their compatibility and durability for the industrial environment, while the colors complement the primary colors of the inserting machines and other equipment, which are the dominant elements within the space. AIA Triangle Jury comments noted the "unique and well designed approach for a project type that rarely gets any design consideration."

The entire project was designed so that all construction could be completed without disrupting the 24/7 newspaper operations.

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