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BD Technologies Data Center Wins AIANC Award

RALEIGH, NC – July 19, 2006 – The American Institute of Architects (AIA) North Carolina Chapter honored national A/E/I firm Kling with a 2006 Merit Award for their innovative design of BD Technologies Data Center and Office Expansion in Research Triangle Park, NC.

The expansion is highly visible due to its location near the main entrance of BD Technologies' RTP site. The exterior design complements the architectural character of the existing building, employing the same palette of materials and colors of the original building, with ribbed metal siding and red painted metal accents, cast-in-place concrete, and dark bronze aluminum sash with aluminum sun shades on the south and west facades. The simple rectangular shape of the building paired with a light-filled, loft-like second floor space supports BD Technologies' stated goal of creating an open work environment that fosters communication and sharing.

Jurors' comments included: "The massing of the building responds quite well to the site. Circulation is well expressed and clearly detailed. The planar wall is a strong organizing element that successfully ties the new addition back to the existing building. The new fresh and simple modern architecture blends back well to the existing building."

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