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**Kling Gets Gold in Building Team Award Competition for US Postal Service Work
*Teamwork is Recognized and Honored at the Gold Level in Nationwide Competition***

PHILADELPHIA, PA – April 20, 2006 – Kling, one of the nation’s leading architecture, engineering, interiors, and planning firms, was recently awarded the Gold Award in *Building Design & Construction* magazine’s 9th Annual Building Team Awards competition for their work on the United States Postal Service’s Processing & Distribution Center in Philadelphia, PA. This 930,000 SF facility is the largest ever constructed for the US Postal Service and will replace the existing 30th Street facility in downtown Philadelphia.

Building Design & Construction’s Annual Building Team Awards honor commercial, institutional, industrial, and multifamily projects whose design and construction reflect the successful integration of expertise from each member of the building team. The program is designed to applaud the teamwork and collaborative excellence of building owners, architects, engineers, and contractors that has resulted in projects with exceptional value, productivity, and performance.

Kling submitted its work on the US Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center in Philadelphia for consideration in this year’s 9th Annual Building Team Awards, believing that the seamless collaboration between administrators, designers, construction managers, and community groups neighboring the site resulted in novel solutions to common problems that satisfied all parties involved. Dirk Schafer, Project Executive for JE Dunn Construction, the contractor on the project, acknowledged the exemplary teamwork. “The magnitude of the project coupled with the intense interests of the many stakeholders provided opportunity for the entire project team to address and creatively solve issues that arose throughout the project. Ongoing communication and commitment was paramount to the successful completion of the facility.”

The US Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center is a facility designed and built in Philadelphia’s Eastwick neighborhood to replace the aging processing facility in Philadelphia’s congested downtown area. Not only will the new facility expedite mail processing more efficiently with state-of-the-art technology, it will also locate operations closer to major transportation hubs such as the I-95 corridor and the Philadelphia International Airport (and away from the bustle of Center City) without negatively impacting the residential community of Eastwick. Equally focused on the employees as well as the technology, the US Postal Service’s new facility will be a better place to work and will serve as a model for all future US Postal Service facilities across the country. The project was completed on-time and within budget.

“This project was a true success on all levels,” said Richard J. Farley, AIA, PE, Principal / Director of Projects, Kling. “The employees have an amazing space in which to work, downtown streets are no longer impeded with mail truck traffic, an economic lift and the revitalization of a vacant, contaminated site is brought to Eastwick,

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and the prime location of the former downtown facility is now open to new development. And all while keeping the 4,000-plus jobs in Philadelphia. Everyone won, and the best is yet to come.”

Building Design & Construction awarded Kling the Gold Award for the project, the highest level awarded this year, and will feature the project in *Building Design & Construction's* May issue.

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