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Kling's 'Concrete' Idea for Riverfront Residences Win Grand Prize
Wilmington apartment tower earns regional concrete award

PHILADELPHIA, PA – May 15, 2006 – Kling, one of the nation's leading A/E/I firms, is pleased to announce that the firm's structural design of the Buccini/Pollin Group's Christina Landing Apartment Tower was recognized by the American Concrete Institute's Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware Chapter with a 2006 Grand Prize Award in the Cast-in-Place Concrete Frame – Inside Chapter Boundaries category. The award honors excellence in concrete design and construction.

Standing 23 stories high, the 178-unit residential apartment building is one of the tallest structures in Wilmington, DE, and is the tallest building on the south side of the Christina River.

One of the most attractive qualities of the building is a direct result of its concrete structure: its post-tensioned cantilever transfer girders at the third floor support 20-stories of glass-encased living rooms on the north end of the building, offering its residents an expansive view of the city and riverfront and enhancing public spaces at the ground floor. Paired with the structure's cladding, a combination of brick, metal, and glass curtainwall assembly, this building is helping to reshape the waterfront district as a stylish abode for young professionals.

"An irregular column grid and floor plan made cast-in-place concrete flat plate construction an ideal framing system for this project. It also enabled ceiling heights to be maximized in a cost-effective manner," states William Gillespie, PE, Principal and Chief of Structural Engineering at Kling.

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