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## Memorial Hermann Heart & Vascular Institute Southwest Receives HBJ Landmark Award



The Memorial Hermann Heart & Vascular Institute – Southwest took top honors recently as the recipient of a 2008 Landmark Award for the Best Medical Project from the *Houston Business Journal*. The annual award recognizes commercial real estate projects and developments that “improve the look, feel and image” of Houston. Entries are judged by their impact on the Houston area and 41 finalists were selected from more than 70 nominations.

Awards were given in 16 categories and selected by a panel of judges composed of representatives from various facets of the Houston area’s economic, city and real estate communities.

The five-story, 163,000-square-foot facility rests among six existing buildings on the Hermann Memorial Southwest Hospital campus and is the first free-standing hospital designed solely to fight heart and vascular disease.

In receiving the award, David Wilkerson, System Director of Architecture and Construction for Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, cited the collaboration of the architects, interior designers, and Memorial Hermann staff as a critical factor in the success of the project.

“Everyone on the team worked hard to meet the challenging schedule and to minimize the impact of construction on a highly active campus. We are pleased that our work has been recognized with this prestigious award,” stated FKP President John Crane.

The facility has 42 inpatient beds with the ability to expand to 60 beds. It also houses the city’s first complete procedural cath lab suite with a dedicated, uninterrupted power supply for patient safety. The addition of the Heart & Vascular Institute required the system to re-examine the campus’ master plan in order to handle the increase in pedestrian and vehicle circulation. The facility features a circulation concourse to link existing buildings within the campus with the Institute.

FKP is a 71-year-old, Texas-based, full-service architecture and consulting firm with offices in Houston and Dallas. The firm provides design, planning and consulting services to healthcare institutions, research facilities and higher education campuses. FKP has more than 185 employees and has completed and ongoing projects in 42 states and four foreign countries.

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