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ARTISTS FOR HUMANITY EPICENTER WINS AIA/COTE TOP TEN GREEN PROJECT AWARD

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Arrowstreet is pleased to announce that the Artists for Humanity EpiCenter is the recipient of an American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment (AIA/COTE) Top Ten Green Project Award. This award recognizes architectural and “green” design solutions that protect and enhance the environment. The jury praised the EpiCenter saying, “This project is not just about design and environmental sustainability, but reaching cultural sustainability.”

The AIA’s Committee on the Environment represents more than 6,000 AIA members committed to making sustainable or “green” design integral to the practice of architecture. The AIA/COTE Green Project Awards initiative was developed by the AIA in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy, *Environmental Building News* magazine, and the Environmental Protection Agency’s ENERGY STAR® Program.

In 2004, the Artists for Humanity EpiCenter became the first building in the city of Boston to attain LEED certification for sustainable design at the platinum level, the highest level awarded by the US Green Building Council.

Artists for Humanity is a non-profit educational group founded in 1991 by Susan Rodgerson with the mission of bridging economic, racial, and social divisions by providing at-risk youth with the keys to self-sufficiency through paid employment in arts.

Arrowstreet is a multidisciplinary design firm based in Somerville, MA. Since 1961, the firm’s designs have been based on a unique approach: look beyond traditional architectural and planning concerns into the underlying political, economic, and social issues which affect the success of a project.

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