

Hewitt-Washington & Associates, New Orleans Receives the Golden Hammer, Reflects on 22-Year History. The Mayor's Office of Housing and Neighborhood Development recently honored Hewitt-Washington & Associates with two Golden Hammer Awards for Excellence in Architecture. The first award recognized the firm for its contributions to the New Orleans community and its commitment to quality building design. The second honor was for the firm's participation in the design consortium, Convention Center III Architects. The Consortium provided design and construction administration services for the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Phase III Expansion. The new millennium marked 22 years of operation for the small-sized firm Hewitt-Washington & Associates. Lonnie Hewitt, Jr. and James R. Washington, Jr.



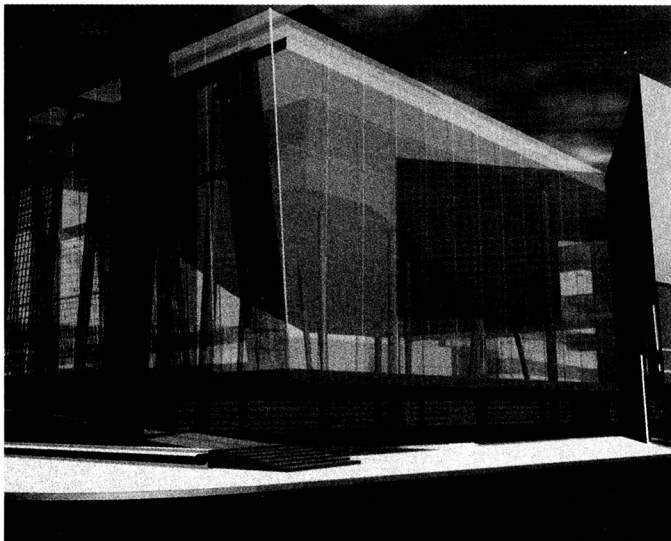
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formed Hewitt-Washington & Associates in 1978. The firm is known for its outstanding architectural designs with particular emphasis on educational facilities.

news and updates

Huff + Gooden Architects, LLC, Charleston North Carolina is in the currently working on the New Museum of History and Science in Charleston. The project is an interactive technology and information based museum with digital exhibits and real-time experiences.

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ARCHITECTURE UPDATES AND NEWS

INTEGRATED LIVE/WORK/GALLERY SPACE

Terrence O'Neal Architect has just completed an integrated Live/Work/Gallery Space Gallery owner, Barbara Green's new Chelsea Loft. O'Neal's design gives the space the feeling of an indoor Zen garden for a client who spent three years in Japan and has a collection of Asian art works. The loft space follows the same principles of the garden with private and public zones, the unifying path and use of distinctive materials like granite, slate and wood.

NEW: YOUNG ARCHITECTURE VOICES ON THE INTERNET

ArchVoices is an independent email newsletter compiled by young and emerging architects, for young and emerging architects. ArchVoices is distributed on the first Friday of every month to over 900 subscribers, with information regarding IDP changes, ARE developments, events, grants, competitions and other resources. The February Issue celebrated Black History Month with special information on black organizations, activities and magazines. The March issue included special information and resources for aspiring women architects, recognizing Women's History Month. ArchVoices was originally created as a means of involving interns and young architects in NCARB and AIA discussions regarding changes to IDP and the education and training of architects generally. For further information, please contact <archvoices@hotmail.com>.

NEW BOB MARLEY MEMORIAL MUSEUM IN JAMAICA

The neighborhood in the Trench Town section of Jamaica where Bob Marley spent his early years is proud of its native son. They have dedicated several buildings for conversion into a Bob Marley memorial museum. Source: Electronic Urban Report.

KENYAN ARCHITECTS DESIGN TANZANIA'S PARLIAMENT

Nairobi-based firm, K & M Archplans won an architecture competition and the contract to design Tanzania's new parliament in Dodoma. The project, sponsored by the Tanzanian government, is to design a new legislative chamber, convert existing buildings and create a central plaza. The award was presented to the company's principal architect, Mr James Kimathi by the Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr Pius Msekwa, at Parliament Buildings, Dodoma. The current parliament is housed in buildings initially meant for an international conference center. The proposed parliament has three points, an open public plaza, a gigantic statue of Tanzania's founding president, the late Mwalimu Julius Nyerere. The design borrows heavily from traditional African architectural forms with a conical legislative hall and the flat roof, a display of the traditional roofing forms of various Tanzanian communities.

GHANA STRUGGLES WITH THE DEMANDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The building industry in Ghana is experiencing a big shift from residential spaces to retail units. More residential units are being converted into shop units creating a shortage of housing and an increase in rents. State housing agencies and real estate developers are undertaking large-scale housing projects in the urban areas of the country. Houses are built with local materials and labor, yet they are priced in dollars, violating the orders of the Bank of Ghana. Typically, houses are purchased in full or over large sums of money over a short time period; but the high cost of housing is producing other alternative sources of financing like building societies and mortgage companies. One company that stands out as a dependable mortgage institution that provides housing finance on a sustained basis is Home Finance Company (HFC). It does so with its ability to mobilize funds from medium to long-term basis on the open market. HFC's goal is to offering mortgage products and services for the benefit of all Ghanaians at home and abroad. Since its inception in May 1990, HFC has assisted over 3,500 customers to own. Source: Daily Graphic, Ghana.