

# 2006 Orange County Design Excellence Awards

## **Awards of Excellence**

Institutional, Public or Quasi-Public Projects

### **Orange County Convention Center, Phase V**

**HuntonBrady Architects**

District 6 – Commissioner Homer Hartage



The Phase V Expansion of the Orange County Convention Center accomplishes extremely large-scale contemporary imagery. The master plan enhances the surrounding community with vital connections to grand hotels, retail venues, and spacious parking. The north and south concourses, each a thousand-feet long and lifted twenty-feet above natural grade, are conceived as welcoming shaded porches where conventioners enjoy the sweeping expanses of Florida from ground to sky. Completed in Spring 2003, the Phase V Expansion of the Orange County Convention Center added approximately three-million square feet of exhibition, meeting room, and public space to one of the Nation's busiest convention spaces. The North/South Complex adds just under one-million square feet of exhibition space to an existing 1.1 million square foot west complex. This provides an enormous 2.1 million square feet of exhibition space all connected by a 1,500 foot long, open-air walkway across International Drive.

# **Awards of Merit**

## Mixed-Use & Master Plan Projects

### **Orange County Convention Center, West Entrance**

**C.T. Hsu & Associates**

District 6 – Commissioner Homer Hartage



The Orange County Convention Center West Entrance is significant as a first impression for the 1.5 million conventioners who utilize the Center each year. The new 40-foot-tall glazed lobby and office structure spans 320 feet between existing massive stair towers, and across what was once the facility's service entrance. Visitors from the parking area and buses are now welcomed to the Center by a massive "front porch" with radiating metal-clad "V" columns that lead to a spacious lobby and enclosed bridges to the exhibit halls.