

# TASER and Midtown Exchange win national awards

Interdisciplinary collaboration and unique design were two reasons why the national Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) selected **TASER INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS** in Scottsdale, Arizona as the 11th annual Professional Design-Build Award winner in the “Best Private Sector Building project under \$15 million” category. The award identifies projects across the country that best exemplify the advanced and innovative application of thoroughly integrated project delivery. During the 16-month design-build

process, Ryan led architects, engineers and subcontractors from more than 50 companies.

“We’re very proud of this award,” said Chuck Carefoot, Vice President of Construction for Ryan and the project’s team leader. “The team created a unique design and developed innovative methods to create a building that truly reflects TASER’s core principles and values.”

The creative minds of DFD CornoyerHedrick were the architects on the project deemed “Battleship in the

Desert” because of its size and gray hue. Composed of glass, metal panels and tilt-up concrete, the design is gutsy and edgy, to mirror TASER’s corporate image. “The TASER project had the stellar mix of a creative customer who trusted us to design a building that suited them, and a contractor and consultants who were



transformed it. The key components include: Allina Hospitals and Clinics corporate headquarters, The Chicago Historic Lofts, Midtown Exchange Apartments, Midtown Exchange Condos on the Greenway, Sheraton Minneapolis Midtown Hotel, Midtown Global Market, Hennepin County Service Center, a Metro Transit bus hub, retail space and 1,984 parking spaces. The architects include: Collaborative Design Group, Elness Swenson Graham, Shea, Perkins & Will, UrbanWorks Architecture and Close Landscape Architecture.

integral parts of the design team,” said Niki Possas, Principal-in-charge and Project Director for the DFD team.

For the second consecutive year, Ryan was awarded the National Trust/Housing and Urban Development Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation; this year for **MIDTOWN EXCHANGE** (Grain Belt Brewhouse, 2005).

Built in 1928, the one-million-square-foot brick and concrete structure closed in the early 1990s and stood vacant for more than 10 years before the Ryan-led redevelopment team

“The rehabilitation of Minneapolis’ Sears building is a great example of how historic preservation and community revitalization go hand in hand,” said Richard Moe, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

“Midtown Exchange has given new life not only to this historic structure, but also to a community that was beginning to lose hope. I am proud to honor Ryan for this outstanding project.”

