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**SKIDMORE, OWINGS & MERRILL (SOM) FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES
WINNERS OF 2002 CHICAGO INSTITUTE FOR ARCHITECTURE
AND URBANISM (CIAU) AWARDS**

CHICAGO, IL -- The Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) Foundation announces the winners of the 2002 Chicago Institute for Architecture and Urbanism Award. Endowed by funds from the Institute, the award has been established by the SOM Foundation to encourage writing and research on the question of how architecture, urban design and physical planning can contribute to improving the quality of life in American cities.

The CIAU Award program, which provides \$5,000 total in prize money, honors the best unpublished essays or research papers addressing the question of how to redirect the physical development of American cities and their regions toward sustainability. Papers are nominated by accredited U.S. graduate programs in architecture, urban design, or physical planning, and must be written by faculty or students in these fields.

This year the jury elected to recognize two papers, one with First Place and one with Special Acknowledgement. The paper "Rebuilding the Urban Structure of the Inner City: A Strategy for the Repair of Downtown Oakland, California" by Professor Peter Bosselmann and graduate student Stefan Pellegrini of the University of California at Berkeley was awarded the First Place prize of \$4,000. Jury Chair Marilyn Taylor, Urban Design Partner of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP commented, "We like the breadth, thoughtfulness and reality of this paper. It incorporates analysis utilizing a broad range of analytic tools which Urban Design has developed over the past decades and moves persuasively from analysis to physical design. This paper offered the broadest response to the challenge of encouraging sustainability, working simultaneously at small and large scales, addressing history, capacity and social equity.

Juror Ken Greenberg, planner and Principal of Greenberg Consultants, Ltd. commented that "the authors effectively demonstrate how diagrams, photos and art can influence and enhance perception of place. By looking at the city's origins, they identify places that have been altered and made awkward, and they develop creative strategies to deal with those places."

Juror Alex Garvin, Yale Professor and Vice President of Planning at the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, praised the richly illustrated paper. "It demonstrates the importance of three dimensional design in illustrating physical solutions to planning prescriptions, testing ideas on real sites with real buildings," said Garvin.

The winner of the \$1,000 Special Acknowledgement Award was "The Banks of Frankfurt and the Sustainable City" by Associate Professor Steven Moore and graduate student Ralf Brand of the University of Texas at Austin. "This paper puts into the light the political issues that don't often get

talked about. It engages a discussion of the complex interplay of forces that affect urban design. We'd like to see this topic pursued, not only for cities like Curitiba and Austin but also for more of the large and complex global cities, including American examples," said Greenberg.

"The paper interweaves two different intellectual streams of thought, addressing sustainability and democracy, and applies both to one of the most widely recognized architectural icons, the Commerzbank. It presents an important investigation into a specific project, which we would like to see extended to other cities. It inspired us to think differently," said Taylor.

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This year the SOM Foundation topped \$1,000,000 in educational awards given to students, faculty and young professional engineers. The programs of the SOM Foundation are funded through an endowment established by the Partners of the architectural firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM). Established in 1936, SOM is the first two-time recipient of the prestigious American Institute of Architects Architecture Firm Award. Some of SOM's design projects include the Sears Tower (Chicago), John Hancock Center (Chicago), Lever House (New York), Bank of America Tower (San Francisco) and the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre Extension (Hong Kong). The Foundation's activities are wholly separate from those of the firm.