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# CH2M HILL - KZF Design Wins National Design Award from U.S. Air Force

## *CH2M HILL partners with KZF Design on winning project at Scott AFB*

**CINCINNATI, (July 31, 2008)** – CH2M HILL and KZF Design announced today that they received a U.S. Air Force national design award for concept design of the United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) consolidation facility at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.

The companies were presented the 2008 USAF Merit Award for Concept Design at the 33rd annual U.S. Air Force Design Awards Ceremony held in Washington, DC. Regarded as much more than an awards competition, the winning projects establish the benchmark of design excellence that the Air Force expects for all its facilities and installations.

CH2M HILL is a global leader in engineering, procurement, construction and operations and is headquartered in Englewood, Colo. KZF Design is a leading national full-service architecture, engineering, interior design and planning firm headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio. The $74 million USTRANSCOM project at Scott Air Force Base includes 220,000 square feet of new construction and addition/alteration of facilities to consolidate command operations from across the United States.

“We are honored to receive this prestigious design award,” said Douglas L. Marsh, Director of KZF Design’s Government and Justice Group, who accepted the award at the USAF ceremony in the nation’s capitol. “Our experience working with the U.S. Air Force and other branches of the U.S. military has been gratifying. The success of this design project is a demonstration of the superb partnership between CH2M HILL and KZF Design, as well as the great collaboration that we realized with the Air Force, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and all involved.”

Scott Air Force Base is located in Illinois, near the St. Louis metropolitan area in St. Clair County, Ill. The base serves as the headquarters for Air Mobility Command, USTRANSCOM, Eighteenth Air Force and the Air Force Communications Agency.

The construction of the USTRANSCOM Consolidation facility at Scott Air Force Base was required as a result of the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment Commission. The project consolidates USTRANSCOM, U.S. Army Surface Deployment and Distribution Command and U.S. Navy with existing Air Force and USTRANSCOM mission elements already at the base. The facility is strategically located in the downtown district of the base and helps to develop a corporate pedestrian campus for the area while providing a connector between the two major USTRANSCOM facilities. The facility’s open plan maximizes flexibility to accommodate frequent mission changes; the design also maintains highly secure operational requirements.

“We appreciate the panel of judges’ comments about the design of the project,” Marsh added.

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In awarding CH2M HILL and KZF Design the 2008 USAF Design Award Merit Level, the judges included these notations:

- Appears innovative yet highly compatible with Scott Air Force Base
- Very unique design solution
- Well-organized floor plans
- Creative use of sloping and flat roofs to reduce building mass while adding interest.
- Good integration of multiple components into a cohesive facility.

**About the U.S. Air Force Design Awards**

The U.S. Air Force Design Awards Program was established in 1976 to recognize and promote design excellence. The program is widely recognized throughout the federal government and is supported with enthusiastic participation by notable professionals in the private sector. Much more than simply an awards competition, the winning projects establish the benchmark of design excellence that the Air Force expects for all its facilities and installations. The program itself is a proud recipient of the 2000 Federal Design Achievement Award, which recognizes exceptional design achievement from all sectors of the Federal Government.

**About KZF Design, Inc.**

KZF Design, Inc. is a leading national full-service architecture, engineering, interior design and planning firm. Now in its sixth decade of enhancing the built environment through the power of design, KZF Design has more than 110 professionals and technicians on staff. The firm's corporate headquarters are located in Cincinnati, Ohio; KZF also has offices in Atlanta, Ga., and an affiliated firm, KZF Design LLC of Florida, with offices in Orlando and Tampa. KZF's award-winning designs and technical expertise have created cultural landmarks, education centers, offices and workplaces, transportation structures, as well as government, military and industrial facilities. Its clients include the Rosenthal Center for Contemporary Art (Contemporary Art Center), Cincinnati Art Museum, the University of Cincinnati, The E.W. Scripps Company, Citigroup and Toyota. In addition, KZF has completed numerous design and engineering contracts for the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, U.S. National Guard, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Bureau of Prisons, including extensive work at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Visit: *www.kzf.com*.

**About CH2M HILL**

Headquartered in Englewood, Colo., employee-owned CH2M HILL is a global leader in engineering, procurement, construction, management and operations for government, civil, industrial and energy clients. With more than $5 billion in revenue and 24,000 employees, CH2M HILL is an industry-leading program management, construction management and design firm, as ranked by *Engineering News-Record* (2008). The firm's work is concentrated in the areas of energy, water, transportation, environmental, nuclear, government, and industrial facilities. The firm has long been recognized as a most-admired company and leading employer, including being named by *FORTUNE* magazine as one of the 100 Best Companies to Work For and one of America's Most Admired Companies (2008). Visit www.ch2mhill.com.

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