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### University Center Receives AIA Honor Award

SIOUX FALLS, SD – October 29, 2009 – The South Dakota Society of the American Institute of Architects has presented its Honor Award to South Dakota Public Universities and Research Center (University Center) and TSP Inc.

The Honor Award is South Dakota AIA’s highest award, and was given in recognition of the design of University Center’s new facilities. Submissions for the award were juried by Paul Jeffrey, president of BVH Architects in Omaha, Neb.

In presenting the Honor Award, Jeffrey noted that the design of University Center North had a clear vision, and the vision evidenced itself in the ultimate functionality of the space. “We were impressed with the buildings – good proportion, use of material, and excellent lighting,” said Jeffrey.

University Center’s facilities were designed by TSP Inc. The campus covers more than 260 acres in northwest Sioux Falls. It includes a 60,000 square foot classroom building and 21,000 square-foot Graduate Education and Applied Research (GEAR) Center.

#### About TSP

Established in 1930, TSP is a leading provider of architecture, engineering and construction (A/E/C) services for a wide range of project types, most notably in education, civic/military/government and healthcare. TSP builds value through innovative design solutions with offices in Minneapolis, Marshall and Rochester, MN; Sioux Falls and Rapid City, SD; Omaha, NE; Sheridan, WY; and Marshalltown, IA.

#### About University Center

South Dakota Public Universities & Research Center, or University Center, provides the greater Sioux Falls community with convenient local access to public higher education programs from in-state partner universities. University Center offers programs from the University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University and Black Hills State University. At University Center the focus is on the adult learner and academic programs and courses that foster and support the economic development of the Sioux Falls area.

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