



Robbins Jorgensen Christopher Receives Four 2004 Sara Awards For Design Excellence

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

[Affiliate Profile:
Prudential Lighting](#)

[Meeks + Partners](#)

[Robbins Jorgensen
Christopher](#)

[Robbins Jorgensen
Christopher](#)

[JBZ Architecture + Planning](#)

[Gensler](#)

NEWPORT BEACH – Robbins Jorgensen Christopher, a leading Southern California architecture firm with offices in Newport Beach and San Diego, received a design award of honor from the California Council of the Society of American Registered Architects (SARA) in recognition of design excellence on the Los Angeles Air Force Base.

Three other Robbins Jorgensen Christopher projects were also honored with SARA design awards: the M. Gordon Clarke Field House/University Union at California State University San Marcos; The Los Angeles Fire Department's Station #5; and a lifeguard and public amenities project at Corona del Mar State Beach.

"Each of these projects had unique challenges that were successfully overcome through a thoughtful and creative design process," said Roberta Jorgensen, president of Robbins Jorgensen Christopher. "We are very pleased to be honored for the work of our talented design team."

The Los Angeles Air Force Base Fitness Center is one of the first new buildings to be constructed on the base in many years. It was selected for this honor based on "the dynamic composition of program functions that will provide visual energy to the base," said the awards jury. The 34,000-square-foot facility includes a health and wellness center, gymnasium with retractable bleachers, two enclosed racquetball courts, weight room, aerobics and cardio exercise rooms, and saunas.

The M. Gordon Clarke Field House/University Union is the first student/faculty and staff activity center at the new California State University San Marcos. The 34,000-square-foot building houses a conference center with kitchen, weight room, multipurpose/aerobics room, sports medicine center, student lounges, a convenience store and athletic department offices.

The Los Angeles Fire Department Station 5 is one of the most recent of 44 fire station projects designed by Robbins Jorgensen Christopher in Southern California. This project is currently under construction and is scheduled to be complete in May 2005. It will be among the first fire stations in the State of California to be certified as a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building. The station includes a 17,129-square-foot, two-story facility with seven truck bays, an adjacent 7,507-square-foot storage/multi-purpose facility, and living, cooking, working, and training areas.

The fourth honored project is a lifeguard and public amenities project at Corona del Mar State Beach that will begin construction in September. The half-mile long sandy beach is located in Newport Beach at the east entrance to Newport Harbor.

The project includes a central building that will house a lifeguard station, observation tower, first-aid station, tidepool program office, concessions, and rentals. It also includes two new restroom buildings, landscaping and a beachfront promenade with lawn areas for picnics and barbecues.

Robbins Jorgensen Christopher specializes in meeting the unique needs of public and private sector clients by offering the full complement of architecture and design services. These include design/build, facility and campus master planning, adaptive re-use, interior design and space planning, landscape architecture, and tenant improvements. The company currently is providing architectural/design services to 10 California colleges and universities, industrial and office developers, national and international corporations, and numerous public agencies.