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## **NORR Designed Canadian Plaza at Peace Bridge 2010 OAA Design Excellence Award Winner**

**TORONTO, ON – March 25, 2010** - The Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) has awarded NORR Limited Architects and Engineers the Design Excellence Award for the new Canadian Plaza at the Peace Bridge border crossing in Fort Erie. This award is given to architects who demonstrate innovative skills in creating spaces, buildings and communities that respect and enhance the environment and enrich human activity. Led by design architect, NORR Partner David Clusiau, this project has been honoured with eight design awards in total.

"Having our work recognized by the OAA is a great honour," said Silvio Baldassarra, Executive Vice President of NORR, "This project is a union of form and function: its use of materials and shapes pay homage to the region's past while providing a modern, secure and efficient border crossing facility. We are grateful to our clients, Canada Customs & Immigration and The Peace Bridge Authority, for their collaboration, insight and support throughout the entire process."

Over the past 5 years this remarkable project has won an Ontario Concrete Awards Precast Concrete Structural Design Innovation Award (2005); the Canadian Wood Council's Wood Design Merit Award (2007) along with the Council's Wood Work Award for Institutional Wood Design (2007); the Ontario Public Works Association Project of the Year Award in Transportation greater than \$10 million (2007); the Canadian Institute of Steel Construction's (CISC) Ontario Steel Design Award, Award of Merit - Architectural Category (2008); the 20 + 10+ X World Architecture (WA) Community Awards, 2nd Cycle, Citation (2008); and the American Institute of Architects' Academy of Architecture for Justice Knowledge Community Justice Facility Review, Citation (2009).

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