Since 1995, the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) of the American Hospital Association (AHA) has given professionals an opportunity to gain national recognition for their design and construction initiatives through the Vista Awards program. The award recognizes teams that have worked together to develop and maintain safe, quality health care environments; demonstrate effective and efficient communication; and rely on data-based decision-making processes.

Vista Awards are given in three different categories:

- **New Construction**: This award is presented to an organization that has constructed a new facility essentially from the ground up. The new facility may be connected to an existing facility, but must have its own identity and be a new space.

- **Renovation**: This award is presented to an organization that has altered existing conditions or added new space to existing structures. The original building envelope must remain essentially intact.

- **Infrastructure**: This award is given to an organization that has modified or replaced major portions of a facility's utility generation, distribution, or control systems. This type of project involves significant project planning.

**Award Benefits**

- National recognition for your team and your project
- One complimentary registration to the 2017 PDC Summit
- A special team project award to be presented at the 2017 PDC Summit
- A personalized certificate for each team member listed on the application
- Complimentary exposure in the Architecture for Health Showcase, including a gallery display, a listing in the Compendium (bound booklet mailed to AHA CEOs and ASHE conference attendees), and a listing on archshowcase.org (Visit archshowcase.org for details)
- Acknowledgment in *Inside ASHE* and *Health Facilities Management* publications
- 2017 Vista Award logo for team members’ promotional use
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016 VISTA AWARD WINNERS

New Construction
SSM Health St. Mary’s Hospital – Jefferson City

Location: Jefferson City, Missouri
Square feet: 432,000
Number of beds: 172
Projected budget: $218 million
Actual cost: $202 million

TEAM MEMBERS:

- Brent VanConia, President and CEO, SSM Health St. Mary’s Hospital – Jefferson City
- Mike Bock, Director of Facilities, SSM Health St. Mary’s Hospital
- Tim Gunn, Vice President of Construction, Alberici Healthcare
- Kevin Studer, Principal, Northstar Management
- Michael Schnaare, Principal, Lawrence Group
- Daniel C. Oakley, Associate, Heideman Associates, Inc.

The team set out to build a facility that would support staff and physicians while exceeding expectations for safety, compassion, and innovation. The new hospital includes a six-story inpatient tower, a four-story medical office building, a diagnostic center, emergency center, outpatient treatment center, and other specialty clinics. During the course of the project, the team faced a project hold and hospital management turnover; however, planning ahead of time for transitions and communicating often helped minimize these challenges. The new hospital met its goals and patient satisfaction scores have improved in multiple areas. Lean construction methods helped the team complete the project under budget and two months earlier than scheduled.

Renovation
VCU Health – Emergency Department Expansion and Renovation

Location: Richmond, Virginia
Square feet: 1,300 square foot addition; 48,300 square foot renovation; 17,900 square foot shell space infill
Number of exam rooms: 98
Projected budget: $37 million
Actual cost: $35.6 million

TEAM MEMBERS:

- Dr. Joseph P. Ornato, MD, FACP, FACC, FACEP, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine, VCU Health
- Larry Little, Vice President Support Services and Planning, VCU Health
- Robert Reardon, CHFM, Chief Facility Officer, VCU Health
- Leslie L. Hanson, AIA, Principal and Senior Vice President, HKS, Inc.
- Matt Wood, CHC, Senior Director, Barton Malow
- David Wright, Vice President, WSP + ccrd
- C. Nelson Williams, IV, PE, SECB, Treasurer, Dunbar, Milby, Williams, Pittman & Vaughan

The renovation project at VCU Health’s Emergency Department encompassed more than 67,000 square feet of space on the ground floor of the main hospital. The project was completed in four major phases spanning five years. Two major challenges for the team included renovating the emergency department—operating 24 hours a day—with minimal disruption and maintaining at least 65 exam rooms available at all times. The team worked to build consensus with hospital and emergency department leaders on a phased plan that would meet those requirements. Midway through the project, hospital leadership requested a change in the phasing priorities that meant a more complex phasing plan. Through strong and effective communication, the team was able to meet this request, and the resequencing allowed the renovated imaging department to open almost a year ahead of schedule.

Infrastructure
CMC Pineville Energy Plant, Carolinas HealthCare System

Location: Charlotte, North Carolina
Square feet: 22,000 square foot central energy plant
Number of beds: 206
Projected budget: $38 million
Actual cost: $37.5 million

TEAM MEMBERS:

- Zachary Zapack, Senior Vice President, Carolinas HealthCare System
- C. Scott Shipp, PE, Vice President, RDK Engineers, Inc.
- Damian Huncy (IAA, Principal, Wright McGraw Beyer Architects, PA
- Terry Johnston, Senior Vice President, Rodgers Builders, Inc.
- Larry Lockhart, PE, Managing Partner, Bloc Design, PLLC (work completed while at ColeJenest & Stone, PA)
- Jerry Merwin, CHFM, Director of Healthcare Operations, Win-Sam, Inc.

Carolina Medical Center Pineville expanded over the last 10 years to accommodate population growth in the Charlotte area, but the central energy plant in the middle of campus was undersized to support the additional square footage. However, because of the central location of the plant, it could not be expanded, so the design team created a plan to replace the plant in the back of the campus. The design of the new plant allows for future expansions without interrupting service. Both ends of the plant can be expanded to allow additional chillers, boilers, or generators and the electrical system was designed to accommodate additional loads in the future. The team successfully built the plant to be operated remotely from another campus, and included an advanced system for detecting potential problems using monitoring and control devices. The project came in under budget and has prompted significant energy savings.
You and your team achieved a job well done. Now it’s time to be recognized.

Visit ashe.org/vista and submit your application today!

Be sure to review the Vista Award Application Guidelines on ashe.org/vista before submitting your application.

Requirements for Eligibility

Eligible applicants include design professionals and other individuals working with the design and construction of hospitals, ambulatory care facilities, long-term care facilities, and medical office buildings.

- Projects must have been completed between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2015.
- Your project must have a minimum of six months postoccupancy or post-completion data.
- Only one project can be submitted per category from any single health care facility, although an organization may submit more than one project from different facilities in its system or alliance.
- The following will deem an entry ineligible:
  - Failure to adhere to the instructions as noted in the Vista Award Application Guidelines posted to ashe.org/vista
  - Lack of team representation or support from the health care facility
  - Use of watermarks or other distracting graphic elements
  - Commercial endorsements
  - Testimonials
  - Incomplete application/submission

Important Information

Vista Award Application Guidelines
The Vista Award Application Guidelines cover the details and materials needed for application submittals. Please visit ashe.org/vista to download these important guidelines.

Dates/Deadlines
All entries must be received by September 30, 2016.

Entry Fee
The Vista Award entry fee is $395 per submission and is nonrefundable.

Judging Panel
The panel, which reviews all entries and selects winners, will include representatives from the health care planning, design, and construction professions. All judging decisions are final.

Notification
Organizations and representatives selected to receive an award will be notified in writing by December 30, 2016.

Questions? Please contact Charmaine Osborne at 312-422-3800 or cosborne@aha.org.

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Disclaimer
ASHE reserves the right to change any part of these rules at any time without prior notification.
Submissions become the property of ASHE and will not be returned. By submitting an entry, all individuals, organizations, and companies named in the application agree to release their names, their likenesses, and all of the submitted materials for publication at any time by ASHE and/or AHA.
ASHE cannot be held responsible for lost, misdirected, damaged, or incomplete submissions.