

PNG firm recognised in American design awards

The prestigious Boston Society of Architects (BSA) has recognised PNG engineering and project management company Kramer Ausenco (KA) in the BSA Design Awards 2014 for its work on the Enga Provincial Hospital.

Kramer Ausenco received a citation from the BSA, for its consultancy role with American architects Shepley Bulfinch, and the design of the hospital under the Unbuilt Architecture and Design category.

The Unbuilt Architecture and Design Jury of the BSA, a chapter of the American Institute of Architects, described the Enga Provincial Hospital design as sophisticated and restrained.

"The design takes the hospital program and localises it to the culture and climate of Papua New Guinea," the Jury wrote, applauding the skill in which the complex addresses security, sustainability and medical care. "A hospital compound that is greater than the sum of its parts. This feels like a place of healing."

Prime Minister Peter O'Neill congratulated KA on the recognition by the BSA. "Once again this leading PNG engineering and project management company has lifted Papua New Guinea's image internationally. Our government is proud of this achievement by Kramer Ausenco."

KA Chief Executive Officer, Frank Kramer, said the firm is providing comprehensive engineering design and documentation services through a suite of engineering disciplines for the project. He thanked Shepley Bulfinch for its partnership.

Health Minister Michael Malabag also commended both Kramer Ausenco and Shepley Bulfinch on the high standards the firms had brought to the project. He said that when complete, the hospital will enhance the delivery of health services to the province.

The 300 bed hospital consists of predominantly single with some two storey structures that blend in with the topography and interact with the extensive landscaping.

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