

MILLER|HULL

PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT(S): DAVID MILLER
ROBERT HULL

LOCATION: SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

FIRM OPENED: 1977

EMPLOYEES: 55



FIRM PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy behind Miller|Hull is that the firm will uphold three commitments: design socially responsible architecture, create with superior quality and service, and always design with good taste. Since 70 percent of Miller|Hull's projects are publicly funded in some way, it understands the value of welcoming the community and public into the design as well.

HISTORY

Miller|Hull was formed by two friends from Washington State University, David Miller and Robert Hull. The two men, after serving in the Peace Corps following graduation, worked in various architecture offices until they came together in 1977 to start Miller|Hull in Seattle, Washington. In the following decades, two more partners were added to the firm; Norm Strong joined Miller|Hull in 1985 and Craig Curtis in 1994. In the three and a half decades of its existence, Miller|Hull has accumulated over 200 awards for its excellence in design, including several which have earned recognition for green design and sustainability. One award in particular was the AIA Architecture Firm Award, AIA's highest honor, which was awarded in 2003. Miller|Hull continues to play a significant role in the design of architecture on the West coast and elsewhere, leading the way in an ever-advancing profession.

PROJECT TYPE

"Miller|Hull specializes in projects such as higher education facilities, nature centers, community centers, mixed-use buildings, laboratories and corporate offices."

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Technology Access Foundation Headquarters and Community Learning Center, White Center, WA
Tillamook Forest Interpretive Center, Tillamook, OR
Olympic College-Poulsbo, Poulsbo, WA
156 West Superior Street, Chicago, IL

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OLYMPIC COLLEGE-POULSBO

LOCATION: POULSBO, WASHINGTON
COMPLETION: 2006
BUILDING TYPE: COLLEGE CAMPUS



BUILDING TYPE + PROGRAM

This community college campus is surrounded by a dense growth of fir trees and borders the rapidly growing urban center of Poulsbo, Washington. The campus is a twenty-acre site and the 40,000 square foot building's program includes classrooms, a science laboratory, writing and computer labs, distance-learning classrooms, an auditorium, faculty offices, a study lounge, a student commons area, and a bookstore.

BUILDING DESIGN INTENTIONS

Miller|Hull's design for Olympic College was led by two significant factors. One factor was the creation of a "campus in the forest." This became a defining influence when deciding the architectural massing and the choice of materials. The goal for this factor was to plan the site development in a way that would save a barrier of second- and third-growth coniferous forest. Achieving this goal would shield the site from the neighboring commercial development. The second significant factor came from the area's strong Nordic heritage. There was actually a land-use code that required the project to "include architectural features that reflect the Scandinavian heritage of the settlement." The widespread use of exposed wood beams, fir decking, and cedar cladding recall typical Nordic materiality, while also relating the building to its place in the forested Pacific Northwest.

BUILDING PLANS, SECTIONS, ADDITIONAL IMAGES



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