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## **Lexington-Based Architecture Firm Wins International Design Competition**

**LEXINGTON, Ky. (September 20, 2018)** - Western Kentucky University's Ogden College Hall, designed by RossTarrant Architects, just became the first project in Kentucky to receive the Shaw Contract Design Award. This was the 13<sup>th</sup> year Shaw Contract has hosted this international awards program.

Ogden College Hall is Western Kentucky University's new \$48-million, 110,800-square-foot science laboratory facility. The fundamental design driver for the building was the idea of putting "Science on Display." The design of the entire building reflects core scientific concepts, reinforces the curricula being taught within its walls and inspires scientific thinking. Designed to earn LEED Gold, this new facility is also on target to become one of the first WELL certified science buildings in the nation.

Ogden College Hall was initially selected from among more than 500 projects representing 36 countries as a Higher Education Category winner. The project then qualified to appear among 35 projects contending for the People's Choice Award. Ogden College Hall received more public votes than any other project, making it the single winner in that category.

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### **About RossTarrant Architects**

RossTarrant Architects (RTA) was founded in 1970 and offers architecture, interior design, civil engineering and landscape architecture services from its office in Lexington, Kentucky. Known for leadership in sustainable design, RTA was the first design firm in Kentucky to earn LEED Gold for its own office.

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