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### **The Environmental Nature Center's Preschool Earns Citation Award**

*The AIAOCC honors the ENC's newest building*

**Newport Beach, Calif., September 30, 2015** -- The American Institute of Architects Orange County Chapter (AIAOCC) honored the ENC's Nature Preschool with a citation award on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The preschool is being designed by LPA Inc. and managed by Griffin Structures.

The ENC's Nature Preschool was one of eight projects selected to receive an award out of the 56 projects that were entered into the design competition this year. It was the only project to receive an award that was not a completed project; meaning the jury saw great potential in the building. It was noted during the award ceremony "that the site design and building worked seamlessly and a great deal of thought was given to the creation of a learning environment where nature was the focus."

The Environmental Nature Center provides quality education through hands-on experience with nature. The ENC's new Nature Preschool will meet or exceed the sustainable building guidelines incorporated into the existing LEED Platinum certified ENC Facility. For more information call 949-645-8489, or visit [www.ENCcenter.org](http://www.ENCcenter.org). The ENC is located at 1601 16th Street in Newport Beach.

### **About AAIIOCC**

The American Institute of Architects Orange County Chapter (AIAOCC) is one of the largest AIA Chapter's in the country with a membership of just under a 1000 Architects. Since 1968 the Chapter has been conducting design award programs where a distinguish jury of Architects identify and honor the very best work that is being done by the Chapter's members and projects within Orange County. These prestigious awards are typically ones that we Architects value the most for two reasons, one they are very selective as typically less than 10% of projects entered are awarded and they are given out by a jury of our peers.

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