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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA PROJECT RECEIVES PRESERVATION AWARD**

**MINNEAPOLIS — July 15, 2011** — The Akerman Hall Hanger at the University of Minnesota was awarded the 2011 Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Award by Preserve Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission and the Minneapolis chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The awards are in recognition of projects and people that celebrate and enhance the heritage and historic character of Minneapolis.

The renovation of the Hanger space of Akerman Hall includes laboratory, office and collaborative spaces for undergraduate and graduate students in the Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics program. The project also encompasses fire, life, safety and accessibility upgrades in the Akerman Hall and Mechanical Engineering buildings.

Sebesta Blomberg served on the design build project team as the mechanical engineer for the \$5.2 million building renovation. Sebesta Blomberg provided the design of the HVAC, lighting control, and power systems for the renovation and restoration of the Hanger space at Akerman Hall.

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