



## ***Press Release***

### **Presentation Focuses on Adaptive Reuse for Urban Schools**

Harrisburg, PA – April 5, 2007 – Benedict H. Dubbs, AIA LEED AP, of Murray Associates Architects, P.C., delivered an educational session to the annual Construction Summit of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) in Philadelphia on March 29, 2007. The presentation focused on adaptive reuse of existing buildings for use as urban schools, and featured the Sci-Tech High School in downtown Harrisburg, PA which was designed by Murray Associates. The conversion of the former YWCA building in the heart of the central business district provides 81,000 square feet of space, including a resource learning center, classrooms, laboratories, multipurpose / foodservice space, offices, and incubator space for fledgling high technology entrepreneurial businesses. The building incorporates the latest in wireless and distance learning technologies, and is designed for maximum flexibility of all instructional areas to support the school's innovative teaching methods. The adaptive reuse required significant demolition, including asbestos abatement, structural modifications, and complete replacement of the existing façade with a modern treatment.

### **About Murray Associates Architects**

Murray Associates Architects, P.C., located in Harrisburg, PA, is a seventy-two year old practice, providing professional architectural, planning, and interior design services throughout the eastern United States. Murray Associates has a portfolio of over 3,000 projects, including Education, Healthcare, Corporate, Hospitality, and Government projects.

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