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TACOMA: Salishan redevelopment project gets HUD, architect awards

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The Tacoma Housing Authority's redevelopment of the Salishan neighborhood has received two awards from the American Institute of Architects and the federal department of Housing and Urban Development. The project won the 2007 AIA Award for Multi-Family Housing Design, and the Creating Community Connection Award from AIA/HUD, the housing authority said.

Judges praised the architect's design for a pedestrian-friendly neighborhood that is sensitive to the environment.

Tacoma Councilman Rick Talbert led a group of housing authority officials, and representatives from Lorig, the project developer, and Torti Gallas and Partners, the project architects, to San Antonio, Texas, last week to receive the awards. The project also was a finalist for the National Association of Home Builder's Best Affordable Neighborhood Revitalization Award, considered the multifamily industry's most prestigious award.

New Salishan is the result of \$200 million federal Hope VI grant that transformed a World War II-era housing project on Tacoma's East Side.

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