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## **UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS WINS NEW YORK CONSTRUCTION'S BEST OF 2005**

*Konover Construction and Schoenhardt Architects, the design/build team, to be honored*

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New York, October 24, 2005– New York Construction, the leading magazine for the region’s building industry, will host its annual awards breakfast December 15<sup>th</sup> to recognize design and construction excellence. A distinguished jury of industry leaders selected 46 projects from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut for Best in 2005 – **the University of Connecticut’s SS&C Technologies Financial Accelerator project** located in downtown Hartford, received the “Best” in the higher education category.

The University of Connecticut is the state’s flagship public university, with a business school ranked #1 among public schools in New England and consistently ranked as one of the best in the nation.

With aspirations set even higher, the university developed the Accelerator project as an experiential learning environment for graduate business studies, a place to consolidate several programs at one site, and an advanced learning facility that is unlike any other in the country. **They selected Konover Construction and Schoenhardt Architects as its design/build team for the project.**

The Graduate Learning Center is part college, part research lab, and part working business: designed as a replica of the New York Stock Exchange, the first floor houses a live trading floor where a university partner conducts real-time stock trades, and students, faculty and traders interact, explore and learn together.

The entire project was fast-tracked. Renovation of 4 floors of this 40- year old building and 40,000 square feet of new space was completed in just 4 months. It had to be - there was no moving the deadline because the start of the school’s Fall semester couldn’t be moved.

“Experiential learning has been a part of the university’s curriculum for some time, but the Graduate Learning Center has had an immediate impact on the school’s teaching capabilities,” stated Rich Dino, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs, UConn School of Business. “Learning and teaching are richer, more visible, and more vibrant for both faculty and students and we are extremely proud to be honored with New York’s Best of 2005.”

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