



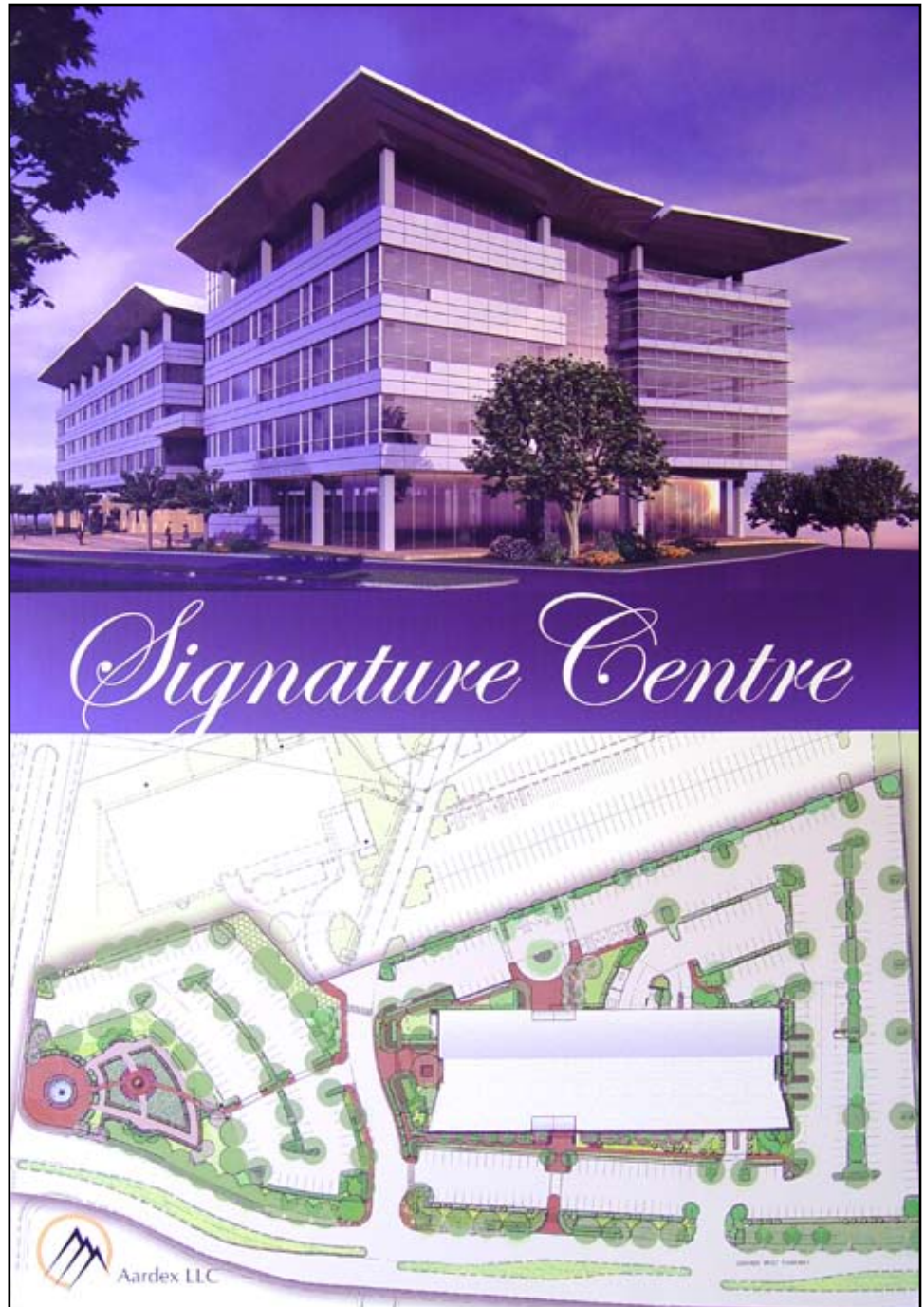
COMMISSIONERS' AWARD



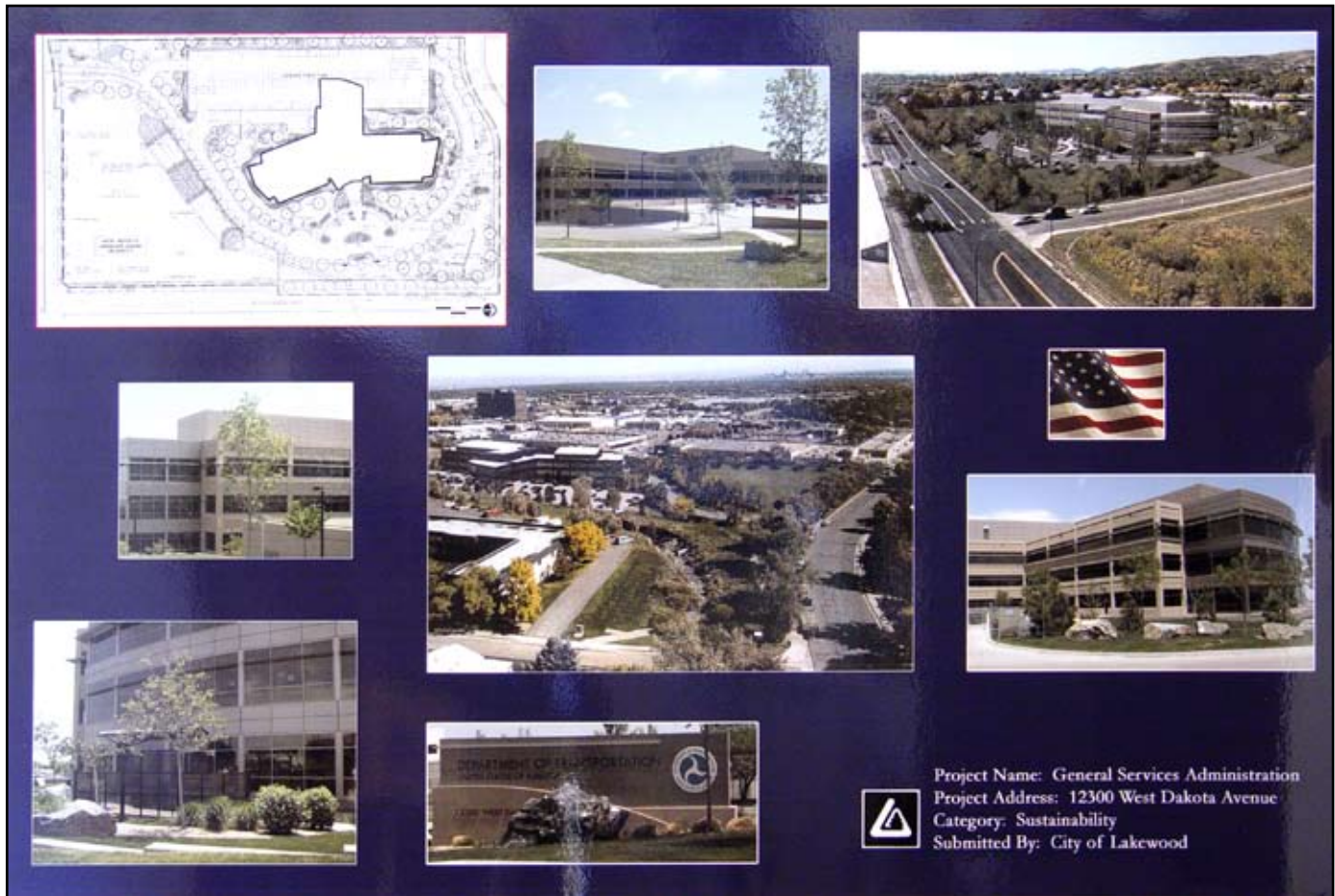
The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners present the 2007 Design Excellence Award to Aardex LLC for the Signature Centre.

**Sustainable
Development:
Aardex LLC for The
Signature Centre**

The Signature Centre is an 186,000 square foot building (plus underground parking) that was designed and constructed by Aardex Corporation, a local builder. The Signature Centre is one of the most sophisticated buildings in the United States and is currently on track for a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum designation, the highest level of recognition. The building will use about one-half the energy consumption as compared to a traditional building, and 100 percent of the building power is from wind. This building represents the pinnacle of user effectiveness and sustainable development.



Commissioners' Award Runner-up and Honor Award



Sustainable Development: Opus Northwest LLC for the design and construction of the General Services Administration/Department of Transportation Office Building

The General Services Administration Office site is a 6.6-acre site with a 128,000 square foot office building. Landscaped areas cover approximately 48% of the site. This is an energy efficient, three-story, professional office building that includes state-of-the-art energy conservation features and provides a healthy work environment for the 400 people employed in the building. This building received the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, (LEED), Silver Certification for new construction. This is an exceptional example of architectural design using state-of-the-art energy conservation features providing a healthy and engaging working environment.