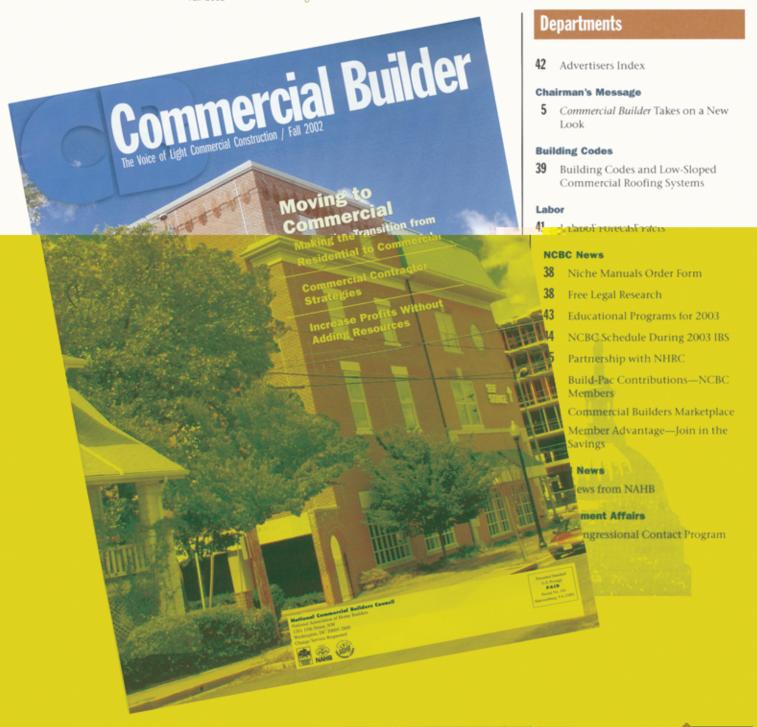
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Richard Steiner, Chairman of the NCBC Board of Trustees, was pleased with the overall quality of the entries this year. These exceptional projects showed superior applications of technology, ingenuity, creativity, and construction expertise. Judging was based on the special feature of each project, including floor plan, exterior appeal, overall aesthetics, and success in meeting project goal. We extend our thanks to the distinguished panel of jurors for their time and expertise.

#### AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

### Chairman's Award / Division III

## Hometown Favorite / Northbrook Bank & Trust Company, Northbrook, IL

This local bank wanted to establish itself in a community filled with regional and national financial institutions. On a prominent corner close to the historic downtown area of Northbrook, a new building that merges village with big city creates a presence for Northbrook Bank & Trust that they hope will last well into the future.

The high-profile site was a benefit – the fact that it had previously been a gas station and car wash was not. Significant environmental clean-up had to happen before construction could start, including installing monitoring wells, which are still located on the site.

High-grade materials signal the owner's commitment to quality and being part of the local fabric. The building's masonry façade is a veneer system over steel frame, incorporating elements of natural and synthetic stones with clay brick. Windows and exterior doors incorporate insulated glass with low-e coating.