



VISUAL ARTS CENTRE GREEN BLDG. CHALLENGE

WHITEHORSE, YUKON



A green building design competition, sponsored by the Yukon Arts Centre and Yukon Energy Solutions Centre in 2002, was open to all Yukon design firms. The building programme defined areas for a Visual Arts Education Centre to be located on a site near the existing Yukon Arts Centre and Yukon College campus. The design brief required all submissions to provide an integrated solution, which would offer a demonstration project of a green building design and systems.

Kobayashi + Zedda Architects Ltd (KZA) proposed a 300 square metre Visual Arts Training Facility that includes studio spaces, print rooms, a gallery, kiln room, resource room, and administrative areas. The building's 'green' features include a design that works with the existing contours of the site, a small environmental footprint, high recycled content, use of natural materials, grey water recycling and photovoltaic systems.

The visibility on the edge of the slope encourages a pedestrian gateway to the Yukon Arts Centre and the Yukon College campus. KZA won the award for artistic merit.