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Award and praise lavished on university building

By Chris Morris

The University of Otago's Information Services Building has won high praise, as well as an award at the Registered Master Builders awards, for its innovative use of space for students.

Construction company Naylor Love Ltd beat five other entries to win the award's over \$1 million commercial project category.

A crowd of 540, including Prime Minister Helen Clark, was at the Sheraton Hotel in Auckland for the awards on Saturday night.

National judging panel chairman Graham Coe, of South Auckland, said yesterday the building had earned its first place in a section full of high-quality projects.

"The workmanship, the way the building had the column form, the accuracy, the straight lines . . . it was just a very, very well executed commercial job and just demonstrated very good project management and very good building."

The \$47 million project, which includes the library, information technology suites and offices, began in 1999 and was completed within budget in December 2001.

The building's innovative use of space, particularly through the provision of small pigeon hole student work areas, also added character to the work space, Mr Coe said.

"The day we were there the students were studying at all the various areas around the building . . . To me it was a building that had been very well designed and was working magnificently well."

The ISB was not the only Otago project recognised. Dunedin builder J. J. Oskam won the \$280,000-\$380,000 new home category, for work on a Karitane home, while Calder Stewart took second place in the up to \$1 million commercial award category, for work on the Gore Vets building. Arrowtown builder A. J. Saville was second in the new homes over \$550,000 section, for a Millbrook, Queenstown, house.