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The EADS Group Receives Preservation Award

The EADS Group, an architectural, engineering and design firm, received the 2007 Historic Preservation Government Initiative Award. EADS renovated the former Clarion County Jail, constructed in 1875, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building now houses the 911 emergency response center and county archives.

New windows, 911 equipment, meeting rooms, offices, emergency exits and restrooms were installed. Original framing, trim, tile flooring and cast-in-place ceilings were preserved. Tom Columbus, Jr., architect and project manager, expressed, "It's an honor to be a 2007 recipient. The building was a challenge to the EADS team of professionals. We enjoyed working with a very supportive owner, their consultant and the contractors. The Clarion County Historic Society and Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission were also helpful. The project turned out to be a win for county-owned space utilization, county employee safety, Clarion County historic fabric, and the environment by reuse of an existing building."

EADS specializes in architecture, site development, highways, bridges, water, wastewater, surveying, mapping, planning, construction inspection and environmental services. Over 200 professionals are employed in Altoona, Somerset, Pittsburgh, Clarion, Johnstown and Cumberland, Maryland.