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**SFL + a Architects Wins *Triangle*  
Business Journal's 2007 Fast 50 Award**  
*Local Architect Ranked Among Fastest-Growing  
Privately-Held Companies In Triangle*

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## Quotes:

"It is an honor to be recognized with the *Triangle Business Journal's* Fast 50 Award for our first time," said Ferris. "Our community is embracing SFL + a's mission to create innovative, sustainable solutions for our future, and we are pleased by the support."

About SFL + a Architects:

SFL + a Architects is a firm designed to provide state-of-the-art architectural solutions to educational institutions. Created in 1982, the company has emerged as one of the most highly regarded architectural firms in the Southeast, offering expert services in architectural planning, design, construction, land planning and interior design. The firm has offices located in Raleigh, Fayetteville and Charlotte, N.C. The sister company of SFL + a Architects is Firstfloor K-12 Solutions, LLC, a North Carolina development company pioneering public-private partnerships to develop educational facilities. The company is comprised of talented professionals, each possessing 15-20 years of experience in banking, finance, construction and property management. For more information, visit <http://www.sfla.biz>.

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