Local firm helps place Seattle Center pole

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The John T. Williams Memorial Pole was erected at Seattle Center on Sunday to raise awareness about the traditions, history and culture of Seattle's native populations.

Suyama Peterson Deguchi architects did site design and permitting for the project. Other pro bono contributors include Andersen Construction, Swenson Say Faget, GeoEngineers, Malcolm Drilling, GeoTest, B&B Aircraft Equipment and Ness Crane.

The 34-foot pole was a gift to the city, carved by Williams' family and friends.

It has depictions of a perched eagle, mother raven and a woodcarver.

Williams was a First Nations woodcarver who was fatally shot by a Seattle police officer in August of 2010.