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2019 EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN AWARDS

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CRITERIA

Typically, the Excellence in Design Awards program allows submission of Projects up to 5 years old. Because of the Great Recession, we understand there may be completed projects that the architect was not able to submit (due to lack of time, personnel, resources, etc.) for a particular year's Design Awards program. Recognizing this, AIA Alabama is encouraging submission of completed projects up to 12 years old!

The 2019 Excellence in Design Awards program will celebrate the diverse breadth of architecture practiced in our state! All architects are encouraged to submit projects they view as exceptional examples of design. As one might assume, the ultimate evaluation of design excellence will lie with the jury.

Categories

Projects should be classified as one of the following categories:

- Residential: Includes single family, multi-family (apartments, condos, etc), dormitories and may include other projects where residential usage is primary, but other uses are also included.
- Commercial: Includes all projects for private developers, corporations, etc, such as retail, hotels, offices and other for-profit development.
- Institutional: Includes all educational projects, all projects for governmental authorities, churches and related facilities, medical facilities, as well as projects for similar public/private institutions.
- Special: Includes all projects which do not fit into one of the above categories. These projects may include planning, energy conservation or projects that by their nature are simply unique.

All projects, whether primary building design, renovation, adaptive reuse, interiors or other design should be included in the appropriate category that best describes the work.

Awards

The jury will select projects that exemplify design excellence and achievement.

- The Honor Award is the highest level of recognition that the AIA Alabama bestows to firms for projects displaying exemplary design exceeding the criteria set forth by the jury.
- The Award of Merit is presented to a project that meets the jury's requirements for design excellence. Award recognition is based on the success with which the project has met jury criteria.
- The jury may also choose to award Honorable Mention to a project or projects that has met the jury's requirements and deserves to be commended.

Top Block Award Criteria

AIA Alabama is pleased again this year to include the Alabama Concrete Industries Association's Top Block Award as a part of our Design Awards program. To have your project considered for the Top Block Award, please check the appropriate box on the entry form. Top Block entries must be completed architectural projects submitted by ACIA or AIA members who are licensed and practicing in Alabama at the time of project completion.

Projects must have been executed within the boundaries of the State of Alabama, Panhandle of Florida or the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Projects must have been completed within two (2) years of the last AIA Design Awards Program, and the design firm must be based in Alabama. As indicated by the award name, the project must be a creative masonry design constructed using concrete block/concrete masonry units or utilize concrete masonry as a veneer.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Entries will be accepted in electronic format, along with one project display board. A PowerPoint template has been designed with simple instructions & is easy to use. The format allows for a brief program statement & project summary, & accepts digital images to visually describe the work. Each firm will receive the Excellence in Design Award Submittal format via email after they register.

The following is a description of the PowerPoint format:

- Slide one: A brief description of 250 words or less with statements on the program, design, concept, context, solution & cost. When referencing “context” (how the building fits within its surroundings), please be specific.
- Slide two & up: The template allows for 8 to 12 digital image files in a JPG format, a minimum 300 DPI. Please include the building plan with at least one image showing the overall site context.
- **All submissions are encouraged to include, as applicable, slides describing in words or drawings:**
 - How the project incorporates design practices that eliminate the negative impact on the environment.
 - How the project safeguards water resources & water use efficiency.
 - How the project manages energy use & energy efficiency.
 - How the project conserves materials & resources.
 - How the project promotes quality indoor environments.
- Last Slide: Project title & location (city/state) owner, architectural firm, consultants & contractor. Include firm name on this slide only. Please include the name of everyone involved with the project.
- ****Please provide a flash drive with a copy of the PowerPoint file with an attached file containing the individual images used.*** Or, we can send you a link to a DropBox account so you can upload the PowerPoint & images.

The project display board is not required to be a fully finished presentation board. The boards are intended to convey the design thoughts to judges. Clear working drawings or sketches are acceptable & encouraged. One 20” x 30” illustration board oriented vertically, containing the following is required:

- Project title and location, owner, architectural firm, consultants and contractor within a 5”x 7” space.
- A 250 word project description as included in the electronic format.
- Site plan, floor plan & building section or axonometric. Legible reductions are acceptable.
- Three to six color prints from entry images, at least one interior & one exterior. ****To keep the judging process unbiased, please be sure that the firm name & those involved with the project are within the space indicated on the project display requirements. Where asked to include project name, please be consistent. The project name you choose to provide will be the name used on all printed materials for the Excellence in Design Awards.***
- One high resolution photo from each submission (jpg format) should be designated for publication & have **a written release from the photographer** giving AIA Alabama permission to use the photo in printed & electronic material, should the project or image be chosen for the directory or other usage.

2019 EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN AWARDS ENTRY FORM

Please complete the entry form(s) & return with correct fees no later than January 11, 2019. **Please photocopy entry forms for multiple entries.** Once your entry form is received you will be emailed your project code & PowerPoint template. Boards & Digital Presentations must be received in the AIA Alabama Office by February 1, 2019. The Design Awards ceremony will be held in Birmingham on Thursday, February 28, 2019.

Submissions are \$175 for the first project & \$150 for each additional project per firm.

Project Name: _____

Category: _____

Owner: _____

Architect: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Consultants: _____

Contractor: _____

Top Block Participation:

____ I would like for this project to be considered for the Top Block Award.

ACFA Participation:

____ \$100 - I DO wish for my project board to be exhibited at the Alabama Center for Architecture LEGO exhibit & exhibits around the state.

Method of payment: Check ____ Credit Card: ____ (American Express, Visa or Mastercard)

Total Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

Name on Card: _____ Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature _____

Please complete and mail or email form to:
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***(Entry Forms and Fees to be submitted to the AIA Alabama Office by January 11th.
Boards and Digital Presentations must be received in the AIA Alabama office by 4:30 p.m. on February 1st.***