2021 East Bay Design Awards

Brief

The AIA East Bay Design Awards is a unique design awards program established to recognize exceptional architecture in the Bay Area. Criteria to be used by the jury include quality of aesthetic design, sustainable responsibility, innovation in materials and technology, contribution to public appreciation of architecture, and facilitation of solutions to community challenges.

Project Eligibility

- Projects completion must be within three calendar years (since January 1, 2018)
- Projects must be substantially complete at the time of submission.
- Un-built projects are eligible for judging under the design concept project type.
- AIA East Bay members may submit projects located anywhere.
- Non-Members may submit projects located in Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa and Solano Counties.

Project Types

- Civic
- Commercial Office
- Education
- Healthcare
- Hospitality
- Housing – Multi family
- Housing – Single Family
- Interior Design
- Justice
- Landscape
- Mixed-Use
- Retail / Restaurant
- Science and Technology
- Design Concept (Un-built)

Deadline

Submissions must be complete by Friday, October 15th at 11:59pm PT

Click here to register your project

2021 Design Awards Reception and Presentation

Thursday, November 11, 2021

[Details will be forthcoming]

Registration for watching parties (limited attendants) will open in September

Registration for virtual reception will be posted prior to event

We will announce category finalists prior to the presentation, winners will not be announced in advance.

Use of Submittals
The project materials become the property of AIA East Bay upon submission. AIA East Bay will use images from all submitted projects in multimedia presentations at the awards reception, on the AIA East Bay website, and on AIA East Bay social media platforms. AIA East Bay reserves the rights to use the submissions for publicity and public relations.

Submission Requirements
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- All submissions shall be completed via the Submittable online platform.
- All submissions shall be required to meet one category of the AIA Framework for Design Excellence https://www.aia.org/resources/6077668-framework-for-design-excellence
- Entry form to be completed with acknowledgement of AIA East Bay use of submission information and images as outlined in the 2020 full submission guidelines.
- All submission materials shall be cleared for release and use by the entrant and AIA East Bay.
- All judging is anonymous. No submission shall include any name of the design team in the Descriptive data, images, or submittal materials (other than the confidential entry form).
- All submittal materials shall be in a format with a consistent visual size/layout. **Wherever possible use PDF file format for submitted materials to ensure quality and layout consistency**. We recommend 1920 X 1080 pixels, landscape-oriented pages. No less than 3 and no more than 10 (11 maximum including project attributes first page).
- Project Attributes page shall should include the following:
    - Project location (City, County, State, Country)
    - Substantial completion date (month/year)
    - For un-built only: Design completion (month/year)
    - Gross floor area
    - Number of stories
    - Building program:
    - Project climate zone
    - Site area
    - Choose one: Urban, suburban, rural
    - Cost of construction
    - Sustainability certification/target
    - Descriptive data
        - 300 words or less
        - Demonstrate the holistic approach for the design as it relates to at least one category of the AIA Framework for Design Excellence
- All submissions require a client consent form acknowledging the entry of their project in the 2020 AIA East Bay Design Awards
- Entry fee must be paid in full by submission deadline.

- $250 per project for single category submission

Project Submission Instructions

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Submissions must be complete by Friday, October 15th at 11:59pm PT

1. Complete the submission form in the awards submission portal
2. Upload the project attributes page (PDF), PDF of project images (3-10 digital images with captions and photographer credits), and image files (1920 X 1080 pixels, landscape oriented)
3. Make full payment of entry fees by the above deadline

Please complete all requested information in the portal. Required fields are marked with an asterisk. Please be sure the information appears EXACTLY as you wish to see it published and listed on the awards certificates. Check the spelling of names carefully. You may save your work and return to the submission site as often as needed. Complete and submit all parts of the project submission, along with payment of entry fees, by the due date.

For additional submittal information and questions please email: Info@AIAEB.org

For opportunities to get involved with the Reception and Design Awards event, please contact the Design Awards Committee by email: DesignAwards@AIAEB.com