

# AIA Eastern Pennsylvania

A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects



## 2010 Design Awards Program Call for Entries

### Awards Program

The Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will be accepting submissions for a juried Design Awards Competition. Submissions that meet the eligibility requirements will be considered for an *Award of Excellence*, *Award of Merit*, or *Special Citation* as deemed appropriate by the jury.

The *Award of Excellence* **may** be presented to projects that exemplify the highest design quality at the jury's discretion.

The *Award of Merit* **may** be presented to projects that illustrate a high level of design conceptualization and implementation.

The *Special Citation* **may** be presented to projects which exhibit specific aspects which are noteworthy, a "best practice" of architecture, such as sustainable design, sensitivity to site, historical preservation, or excellent detailing.

If there are three or more entries in a submission category, and the jury feels that there are no projects worthy of an *Award of Excellence* or *Award of Merit* in that category, then at least one *Special Citation* will be granted in that category. If there are two or less entries in a submission category, the entrants will be notified by the *Early Withdrawal Notification Date* and will have the option to stay in the awards program with the risk that there will be no awards granted in that category, or withdraw by the *Early Withdrawal Deadline* and have their un-cashed check returned to them. If there are two or less entries in a submission category, the judges may still grant any of the three awards at their discretion based on merit, but they will not be required to grant an award in that category. There will be no refunds of Entry Fees and no withdrawals if there are 3 or more entrants in a category.

### Marketing / Public Relations Value to Entering the Awards Program:

After the awards ceremony, a photograph of every 2010 entry will be displayed on the chapter website, [www.aiaeasternpa.org](http://www.aiaeasternpa.org), along with the firm's name, project architect's name, firm phone number, hotlink to the firm's web address, project name, and project location.

The winners will be further highlighted on the chapter website with the jury's written comments about the qualities of the winning projects. Winning entries will also be featured in AIA Eastern PA publications, issued as press releases to local news media outlets, and featured in-color in the Eastern PA Business Journal.

### Judging Criteria / Instructions to Jurors:

Regardless of the number of entries in each category (one or many), there is no minimum (no projects) or maximum (all projects) limit to the number of *Awards of Excellence* or *Awards of Merit* within each submission category that the jury may select. This is left to the jury's discretion, based on merit. However, we urge the jury to be generous in recognition of projects which are deserving of awards. **Judges are directed to evaluate the credentials of projects based on building design quality only, not presentation style, when granting awards.** In the event that there are at least three entries in a category, and in the event that the jury feels that there are no projects worthy of an *Award of Excellence* or *Award of Merit* in that category, **then the jurors are instructed to grant at least one *Special Citation*** in that category. If there are two or less entries in a submission category, the judges may still grant any of the three awards at their discretion based on merit, but they will not be required to grant an award in that category. Each juror shall provide concise written comments about the qualities of each of the winning projects following the judging. Alternately, the jury may develop written comments as a group. These comments will be announced at the awards ceremony, posted on the chapter website, and will be printed on the *Award of Excellence*, *Award of Merit*, or *Special Citation* certificates.

## Submission Categories

Built projects of all types including new construction, additions or alterations to existing buildings, interior architecture, and/or special initiative/un-built projects.

**1. Institutional / Commercial; 2. Educational 3. Residential; 4. Eclectic (not fitting into categories 1 thru 3)**  
**5. Special Initiatives (un-built projects; planning, research, conceptual projects)**

In the event that there are 10 to 14 entrants in a category, the category will be split in two, with highest construction cost in one sub-category and lowest construction cost in the second sub-category. If there are 15 to 19 entrants in a category, three sub-categories will be created based on construction cost, etc. Construction cost must be filled in on the *Entry Registration Form*.

## Submission Format

All entries must be submitted in a plain 8.5" x 11" black binder in transparent sleeves. All binders must be completely anonymous. Submissions shall include the following:

- One paragraph minimum and two pages maximum (both sides of one transparent sleeve) of project narrative text explaining: a) Name of Project, b) Date project was completed, c) Construction costs excluding site work, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, d) Key information such as program requirements, square foot area, and site issues, e) Brief explanation of project and design concept, unique or difficult design problems and how they were resolved.
- Entries must provide a completed *Project Credit Form* for each project placed in a sealed envelope attached to the binder. (*Note: Project Credit Forms will be issued to registrants by AIA Eastern Pennsylvania upon submission and receipt of Entry Registration Form & Fee*). The project information envelope will not be opened until after the jury's final selections have been made. The firm name cannot appear on any part of the submission (outside of the sealed envelope) that goes to the jury. Reference to previous awards or project publications shall be considered reason for disqualification.
- A minimum of two and a maximum of ten 8" x 10" color photos, placed in plastic sleeves.
- Complete scaled building plans of the project, with north arrow indicated on all plans
- Four scaled building elevations, labeled by compass direction (i.e. Southwest Elevation)
- One or more scaled building sections (or interior sections / details for interior renovation projects) sufficient to explain the solution
- For projects other than interior renovations, provide scaled site plans with north arrow, showing topography, site context and site response
- For interior projects, provide floor plan(s) with furniture, fixture and lighting information and any other drawings necessary to explain fully the project's use
- A minimum of two and a maximum of ten photos or drawings shall also be submitted in .jpg format (300 dpi resolution), burned on a CD. Label the CD with the project and firm's names, and place the CD in an envelope or case in the front pocket of the binder. The CD will not be passed on to the jury, it will be used for the design awards presentation and website.

## Submission Schedule

All submissions must be delivered to Sylvia Deye, AIA EPC Past President, by the following deadlines:

Friday, October 15, 2010, 5:00pm	Deadline for submission of <i>Entry Registration Form and Fee</i> .
Friday, November 5, 2010, 5:00pm	Deadline for submission of <i>Entry Binders</i>
Thursday, December 2, 2010, 6:00pm	President's Night with Design Awards Program and Presentation Location: Bear Creek Resort, Macungie, PA

## Eligibility

Members in good standing of AIA Eastern Pennsylvania are eligible and encouraged to submit projects for which they are Architect of Record. Submissions will be accepted for projects completed after December 31, 2005. There are no geographic limitations for projects submitted. Projects that have previously received any AIA Eastern Pennsylvania Award are not eligible for submission. The Project Architect must be a member of this chapter (if the Project Architect works in a firm outside of our chapter area, it must be demonstrated that he/she is the Architect of Record for that particular project).