

AIA Pennsylvania

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2014 CALL FOR ENTRIES

AIA Pennsylvania is accepting project submissions for its 2014 Architectural Excellence Awards Program. These awards recognize significant achievements by AIA Pennsylvania members to contribute to a better and more sustainable built environment.

Eligibility

Awards can be given for any project in any geographic location if the project's Architect of Record is a member of AIA Pennsylvania and can demonstrate substantial design authorship of the project. In the case of multi-office firms, eligible projects are limited to work done by the Pennsylvania based firm. All eligible projects must have been completed (occupied) within the last five years.

Award Categories

- **Architecture:** Built projects including new buildings of all types including additions and alterations to existing buildings.
- **Interior Architecture:** Interiors, large or small in scope, and may involve new construction, renovation, and preservation or restoration projects.
- **Historic Preservation:** Projects including historic restoration, historic rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse.
- **Regional and Urban Design:** Urban design projects, planning programs, civic improvements, campus plans, regional plans, environmental programs, or redevelopment projects.
- **Special Initiatives:** Planning, research, conceptual, policy development and implementation, community initiatives, and un-built projects.

Awards

All projects will be reviewed from submitted PDF project binders and photos projected on a screen in a collaborative jury environment. Award winners will be selected based on the materials submitted. Awards will be presented on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at the AIA Pennsylvania Awards Reception and Ceremony at the new Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For award consideration, a project must be submitted according to *all* of the requirements below. The jury will have sole discretion to determine whether to select a recipient for an award and how many awards to present in the award category. All projects will be considered for the following awards:

- **Silver Medal:** May be granted, at the jury's discretion to the project that distinguishes itself from the rest of the submissions and may be given in any category.
- **Honor Award:** May be granted, at the jury's discretion to projects that exemplify the highest excellence in design in any category.

- **Citation of Merit Award:** May be granted, at the jury's discretion to any project that either lies outside of the other categories or bears an exceptional aspect that the jury feels represents excellence which deserves specific honor.

Exhibition

All award winning firms will be required to submit exhibit boards of the winning project according to the exhibit board specifications outline below. These boards will be prominently displayed at the Awards Reception and Ceremony at the Barnes Foundation. Individual firms will then make arrangements with the AIA Pennsylvania staff to pick-up their boards within a week after the reception. Images of the award winning projects will also be display electronically following the reception during the Design on the Delaware, a three-day conference in Philadelphia.

All other submitted projects as well as those receiving awards will become part of a digital exhibition to be displayed at prominent locations in each major metropolitan area throughout the state of Pennsylvania over the next year. The digital presentation will also be linked to the AIA Pennsylvania website and will become a resource for promoting excellence in architecture design throughout the state.

Entry Guidelines

All submissions to the 2014 AIA Pennsylvania Architectural Excellence Awards Program must be submitted by a participating AIA Pennsylvania member firm **by September 26, 2014. Projects will only be accepted through the [online submittal service](#).**

Entry Fees

The cost is \$160 per project. Firms participating for the first time may submit one project at no charge. Multiple projects may be submitted. Credit card payment will be due in order to complete the online submission process.

Publication Photos

The online submission requires four images of each project (JPEG or TIFF only, max 300 dpi). These photos will be used in the awards presentation, AIA publications, and the digital exhibition noted above. Please indicate priority of photos in each title; 1 being the preferred photo, 2 the next, etc. (for example DoeResidence_1).

Project Submissions

All project submissions must be made using **AIA Pennsylvania's [online submittal service](#)**. Each individual project submitted requires a separate online registration. All project data fields in the online registration form must be completed, project entries must be submitted as digital binders in PDF format, and the four required project images must be submitted in JPEG or TIFF formats only. **Competition entry PDF digital binders are strictly limited to 13 pages with landscape orientation; they should include a Competition Project Information Page and twelve pages of images and project description.**

Winning Project Exhibit Boards

Note: winning firms will be required to submit boards of the winning entries for the Awards Reception and Ceremony at the Barnes Foundation. Multiple boards of winning projects are welcome. Boards must be lightweight, rigid 40" by 40" panels not exceeding 1/2" thickness, with installation grommets. It is strongly recommended that the company name and contact information is clearly visible on the front of board.

Accuracy

Please be sure that all information is correct on all submitted materials. Verification of information is not guaranteed. Any errors or omissions are the responsibility of the entrant. The submitting AIA Pennsylvania member firm will be required to indicate (describe) the substantial nature of *their* design role on project and identify and describe respective design contributions by other architectural firm(s) involved on project.

Jury

The 2014 jury is from Boston, Massachusetts and will include the following individuals:

- **Mike Davis, FAIA**, LEED, Bergmeyer and Associates (chair)
- **Tony Hsiao, AIA**, LEED AP, Finegold + Alexander
- **Deborah Fennick, AIA**, LEED AP, Fennick McCredie Architecture
- **Sarah Lindenfield, AIA**, Safdie Architects
- **Matt Noblett, AIA**, Benhnisch Architekten
- **Toshihiko Taketomo, AIA**, LEEP AP, Elkus Manfredi Architects
- **Nazneen Cooper**, Harvard University

Schedule and Deadlines

- **Friday, September 26, 2014:** Submission deadline for all project entries.
- **Monday, November 10, 2014:** Winning firm's exhibit boards delivered to the Center for Architecture, 1218 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 569-3186.
- **Wednesday, November 12, 2014:** Awards will be presented at the AIA Pennsylvania Awards Reception and Ceremony at the new Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This evening event will be in conjunction with AIA Philadelphia's Design on the Delaware. Visit the AIA Philadelphia web site for tickets to this event and other Design on the Delaware seminars and activities.