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## 2015 CALL FOR ENTRIES

AIA Pennsylvania is accepting [project submissions](#) for its 2015 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.

**Un-built Projects:** Projects that have yet to be realized. These projects must have been commissioned by a client. These projects must have been commissioned within the last five years. Each projects may only be submitted once to the AIA Pennsylvania Awards.

### **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 Thursday, October 29, 2015 at the AIA Pennsylvania Awards Reception and Ceremony at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts 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.

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### **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 PAFA. 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.

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 2015 AIA Pennsylvania Architectural Excellence Awards Program must be submitted by a participating AIA Pennsylvania member firm by September 15, 2015. Projects will only be accepted through the [online submittal service](#).

### **Entry Fees**

The cost is \$175 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.

**\*Note:** The Competition Project Information Page shall be a one page project narrative summary of the project. This can be seen as supplementing your Project Detail information or it can repeat it. In any case it provides submitters the opportunity to introduce their project to the jury in a manner that will compliment the rest of the PDF presentation binder. Keep in mind that it will also be projected for the jury with the twelve binder pages that follow.

### **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.



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### **Jury**

The 2015 Architectural Excellence Awards jury will be conducted in New York City and chaired by internationally acclaimed architect, [Thomas Phifer and Partners](#).

Thomas Phifer, FAIA, [Thomas Phifer and Partners \(chair\)](#)

Gabriel Smith, FAIA, [Thomas Phifer and Partners](#)

Susannah Drake, AIA, [slandstudio](#)

Michael Arad, AIA, [Handel Architects](#)

Tomas Rossant, AIA, [Ennead Architects](#)

### **Schedule and Deadlines**

**Friday, September 4, 2015:** Special Award Submission deadline.

**Tuesday, September 15, 2015:** Submission deadline for all project entries.

**Tuesday, October 27, 2015:** Winning firm's exhibit boards delivered to the Center for Architecture, 1218 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 569-3186.

**Thursday, October 29, 2015:** Awards will be presented at the AIA Pennsylvania Awards Reception and Ceremony at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This evening event will be in conjunction with AIA Philadelphia's Design on the Delaware and NeoCon East. Visit [www.aiapa.org](http://www.aiapa.org) to purchase tickets.