



Design Awards: Call for Entries



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The American Institute
of Architects*



The Alabama Council of The American Institute of Architects Presents ... Design Awards

Each year the Alabama Council of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) recognizes the exceptional design work of members through its Design Awards program. The goal of the Design Awards is two-fold: To elevate the quality of architecture in our region, and to establish a continually progressive standard of excellence by which architects can assess their own work. Take this opportunity to share your design views with your colleagues while helping promote the awareness of architecture and architectural services to others by entering this year's Design Awards. Awards will be presented at the Alabama Council AIA Design Awards this year, which will be held in Birmingham at Work Play on Thursday, February 11, 2010.

The Design Awards will use a different approach this year: Only the Alabama Council Design Awards, the Foundation's Distinguished Architect and Significant Building Award will be featured at the event. The Member Service Awards, our prestigious Accolade Award, the Alabama Concrete Industries Association's Top Block Award and The Brick Industry Association-Southeast Region's Brick Award will be presented at the 2010 Convention at The Grand Hotel in Point Clear, July 30th - August 1st.

The Alabama Council has reserved sleeping rooms at The Sheraton in Birmingham at \$109/night and suites at The Tutwiler at \$119/night. You may call The Sheraton directly at (205) 324-5000 or The Tutwiler at (205) 322-2100 to reserve your room for Thursday night. Don't forget to mention you are with the Alabama Council AIA to receive your room rate.

Award Categories

As a means of encouraging increased participation as well as celebrating the wide diversity of architecture being practiced in our state, this year's Design Awards will recognize exceptional examples of design from 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. In addition to these categories, the jury will select projects that exemplify design excellence and achievement.

- 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 Honor Award is the highest level of recognition that the Alabama Council AIA bestows to firms for projects displaying exemplary design exceeding the criteria set forth by the jury.
- 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

The Alabama Council is pleased again this year to include the Alabama Concrete Industries Association's Top Block Award as a part of our design 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 and highlight the use of masonry products. The Top Block Award will be presented at the 2010 Convention.

Brick Awards Criteria

The Alabama Council is pleased to announce the opportunity for Alabama based architects to receive recognition for outstanding design work at the 2010 Convention. The Brick Industry Association—Southeast Region (BIA-SER) is sponsoring a Brick Awards competition. A single project submittal will allow your brick projects to be considered for both AIA and Brick Awards competitions. There is no additional fee—only one additional entry form will be needed (to be submitted directly to BIA-SER). BIA-SER and the Alabama Council AIA will coordinate separate judging.

Enter Today! ~ All Project Materials Due by January 8th

Please complete the entry form(s) and return with correct fees (\$100 per entry) on or before Monday, January 4th, 2010. Once your entry form is received, you will be emailed your project code and power point template. Powerpoints and project boards are due on or before Friday, January 8th. Please make checks payable to Alabama Council AIA. Please mail to Design Awards, P.O. Box 240757, Montgomery, AL 36124. **Due to the change of the program this year, no late entries can be accepted. All powerpoints and project boards must be at the Council Office no later than 4:30 pm on January 8th, 2010.**

Entries must meet the following criteria to be judged:

Entries must be completed architectural projects submitted by AIA member architects who are licensed and practicing in Alabama at the time of project completion. Projects may have been executed anywhere in the U.S. or abroad and must have been completed after January 1, 2005. The Council encourages the entry of previously submitted, non-winning projects, or those which have won awards in other programs. The Design Awards is open to new construction, renovation, restoration, rehabilitation or interiors.

Entry Requirements

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

Although fully described in the email, the following is a brief description of the Power Point format:

- Slide one: A brief description of 250 words or less with statements on the program, design, concept, context solution and cost. When referencing "context" (how the building fits within its surroundings), please be specific.
- Slide two and 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. Include the project name on each file and a number to demonstrate your preferred viewing sequence. **Please provide a CD with a copy of the Power Point file with an attached file containing the individual images used.**

- All submissions are encouraged to include, as applicable, slides describing in words or drawings the following:
 - How the project incorporates design and construction practices that significantly reduce or eliminate the negative impact of buildings on the environment and its occupants with regard to site/land planning.
 - How the project safeguards water resources and water use efficiency.
 - How the project manages energy use and energy efficiency.
 - How the project conserves materials and resources.
 - How the project promotes quality indoor environments.
- Last Slide: Project title and location (city/state) owner, architectural firm, consultants and contractor. Include firm name on this page only. Please include the name of everyone involved with the project.
 - **Project Display:** The project display 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 and 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"x7" space.
 - A 250 word project description as included in the electronic format.
 - Site plan, floor plan, and building section or axonometric. Legible reductions are acceptable.
 - Three to six color prints from entry images, at least one interior and one exterior.
 To keep the judging process unbiased, please be sure that the firm name and 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 Design Awards.
 - *One photo from each submission (jpg format) should be designated for publication and have a written release giving the Alabama Council permission to use the photo in printed and electronic material, should the project or image be chosen for the directory or other usage.*

Chair of the Jury ~ Dan Maginn, AIA, LEED® AP

Dan Maginn is a principal with the award-winning architecture firm el dorado inc in Kansas City, Missouri. His architectural work and the work of his firm have been featured in *Architectural Record*, *Architecture*, *Architectural Digest*, *Metropolitan Home*, *Metropolis*, *Dwell*, *How, ID*, *The New York Times*, *Art in America*, *Residential Architect*, *Organic Living* and other regional and national publications. In addition, his design-based essays have appeared in *Dwell Magazine*, *New Zealand Architect* and have been featured on the *GOOD Magazine* website. Dan is also active in the Kansas City chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and served as its 2007 President. He is a 1989 graduate of Tulane University, and lives in Kansas City with his award-winning wife and their three ungrateful cats.

DESIGN AWARDS ENTRY FORM – ENTER TODAY!

Please complete the entry form(s) and return with correct fees. Once your entry form is received you will be emailed your project code and powerpoint template. Submissions are \$100 each.

Please photo copy entry forms for multiple entries.

Design Awards Entry Form

Project Name: _____ **Please complete and mail to:**
Owner: _____ **Alabama Council AIA**
Architect: _____ **2010 Design Awards**
Address: _____ **Post Office Box 240757**
Phone: _____ **Montgomery, AL 36124**
Consultants: _____ **Phone: (334) 264.3037**
Contractor: _____ **Fax: (334) 272.7128**
Email: aia@gmsal.com

Top Block Award: _____ Yes, please consider this project for the Top Block Award.

Brick Award: _____ Please send me a Brick Industry Association—Southeast Region (BIA-SER) entry form.

Method of payment: Check _____ **Credit Card:** _____ (American Express, Visa or Mastercard)
Total Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date: _____ **Billing Zip Code:** _____

Signature _____

(Entry Forms and Fees to be submitted to the AIA Office by Monday, January 4th, 2010. Entries must be received in the Alabama Council AIA office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 8th, 2010).

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