

The background is a detailed architectural sketch of a skyscraper, showing a grid of windows and structural elements. A large, solid red circle is centered over the sketch, containing the event title. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font, with 'DESIGN' being the largest and most prominent word.

Excellence In
DESIGN
Awards

October 19, 2024

**Perdido Beach Resort
Orange Beach, AL**

Criteria

The 2024 Excellence in Design Awards program will celebrate the diverse breadth of architecture practiced in our state! All architects are encouraged to submit projects they view as exceptional examples of design. As one might assume, the ultimate evaluation of design excellence will lie with the jury, which is composed of architects from the New Orleans area.

Categories

This year for AIA Alabama, in an effort to remove confusion, we are using categories based on size.

Entrants must select from one (and only one) of the following size categories that best represents their submitted project.

XS (Extra Small)	Max 10,000 SF
S (Small) Max	30,000 SF
M (Medium)	Max 100,000 SF
L (Large)	100,000+ SF

Divine Detail:

The purpose of Divine Detail Category is to recognize an instance in which the expression of architectural theory becomes an artistic medium, defining the relationship between architecture and craft. Drawings & photographs are required for this entry - please include a drafted detail showcasing the thought that went into the design and construction. Other drawings you feel are relevant are welcome along with pictures of the executed detail.

Awards

The jury will select projects that exemplify design excellence and achievement.

- **The Honor Award** is the highest level of

recognition that the AIA Alabama bestows to firms for projects displaying exemplary design exceeding the criteria set forth by the jury.

- **The Award of Merit** is presented to a project that meets the jury's requirements for design excellence.
- 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.
- **People's Choice** Attend the AIA Alabama Conference on Architecture October 17-20, at the all new Perdido Beach Resort to vote on your favorite project.

Award recognition is based on the success with which the project has met jury criteria.

Top Block Award Criteria

AIA Alabama is pleased again to include the Alabama Concrete Industries Association's Top Block Award as a part of our Design Awards 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 constructed using concrete block/concrete masonry units or that utilize concrete masonry as a veneer.

Submission Requirements

Entries will be accepted in Electronic format, along with one project display board.

A PowerPoint 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 Excellence in Design Award Submittal format via email after they register their project(s).

The following is a description of the PowerPoint 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.

All submissions are encouraged to include, as applicable, slides describing in words or drawings:

- How the project incorporates design practices that eliminate the negative impact on the environment.
- 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.
- How does your project impact the community?

- **Last Slide:** Project title and location

(city/state) owner, architectural firm, consultants and contractor. **Include firm name on this slide only.** Please include the name of everyone involved with the project. List engineers, key suppliers, and **their email addresses.**

We can send you a link to a DropBox folder so you can upload your PowerPoint and images. Or, you are welcome to provide a flash drive with a copy of the PowerPoint file. Either way, please provide 6-10 high resolution digital photographs that best represent each project for media use. These should be 160-600 DPI in JPG or PNG format.

The project display board will NOT be used by the judges. Clear working drawings or sketches are acceptable and encouraged. One 20” x 30” foam illustration board oriented vertically, containing the following is required:

- Project title and location, owner, architectural firm, consultants and contractor.
- A 250 word project description as included in the electronic format.
- Three to six color prints from entry images, at least one interior and one exterior.

- Please choose one high resolution photo from each submission (jpg format) should be designated for publication and **have a written release from the photographer** giving AIA Alabama permission to use the photo in printed and electronic material, should the project or image be chosen for the website or other usage.

Photos and descriptions may be used in our social media efforts. If you do NOT want your projects shared on social media, please let us know.

2024 Design Awards Registration Form

Please complete the entry form(s) and return with correct fees no later than July 31st. Please photocopy entry forms for multiple entries. Once your entry form is received you will be emailed your project code and PowerPoint template. Boards and Digital Presentations must be received in the AIA Alabama Office by **August 15th**. The Design Awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at The Perdido Beach Resort in conjunction with the AIA Alabama Conference on Architecture. **Member submissions are \$175 for the first project and \$150 for each additional project per firm. Non-member submissions are \$300 for the first project and \$275 for each additional project per firm.** Photos and descriptions may be used in our social media efforts. If you do NOT want your projects shared on social media, please let us know.

Project Name: _____

Category: _____

Owner: _____

Architect: _____

Phone Number of Person submitting: _____ Email: _____

Consultants & Email Addresses: _____

Contractor & Email Addresses: _____

Top Block Participation:

____ I would like for this project to be considered for the Top Block Award.

ACFA Participation:

____ **\$100** - I DO wish for my project board to be exhibited at the Alabama Center for Architecture LEGO exhibit & exhibits around the state.

Method of payment: Check ____ Credit Card: ____ (American Express, Visa or Mastercard)

Total Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

Name on Card: _____ Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature _____

Please complete and mail or email form to:

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Entry Forms and Fees to be submitted to the AIA Alabama Office by July 31st.

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by 4:30 p.m. on August 15th.