



Every two years since 1968, the AIA Long Beach/South Bay Chapter has celebrated outstanding architecture through its Biennial Design Awards Program. Our Design Awards Program recognizes achievements for a broad range of architectural works that elevate the general quality of architectural practice, establish a standard of excellence against which all architects can measure performance, and inform the public of the breath and value of architectural practice. To achieve these goals, the Design Awards Program seeks to recognize both Architecture and Interior Design.

ELIGIBILITY

Projects entered:

- Must be submitted by any member of the AIA LBSB Chapter, as long as that member had lead responsibility for the design of the project.
- May be located anywhere in the world for AIA LBSB Chapter Members.
- May be submitted by members of other AIA Chapters as long as the Project is within the boundaries of the AIA LBSB Chapter. ([View AIA LBSB boundary map](#))
- Must be completed or designed after January 1, 2010.
- Entrants are encouraged to re-enter projects previously submitted if they did not win an award.

CATEGORIES

The Design Awards Program seeks to recognize achievements for the broad range of architectural works that AIA members are engaged in. In that regard, awards are open to built and unbuilt works of Architecture, Interior Architecture, Urban Design, Sustainable Design, as well as those Architectural Details that exhibit exceptional architectural thought.



REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

Three (3) total uploads

Project Submission (see below for detailed guidelines)

Projects must be submitted as one high quality PDF, landscape layout, 12 inches wide by 8.5 inches high. Do not include any reference to the firm name. Do not include the firm logo. The PDF should be a maximum of 17 pages or 8MB, and shall include:

- Short Narrative (up to 100 words)
- Long Narrative (up to 500 words)
- Must indicate Commissioned or Non-Commissioned (*Non-Commissioned is reserved for AIA LBSB members only*)
- Scaled Plan / Plans
- Scaled Site Plan/ Plans
- Minimum 6 Photos (Diagrams) / Maximum 12 Photos (Diagrams) (Preferably interior and exterior if applicable)

Firm Presentation Board

PDF with Firm Name/Logo (All presentation boards will be printed by AIA LBSB and mounted on foam core for display at the April 27 Design Awards event. The winning projects' presentation boards will go on display at various public venues within the AIA LBSB chapter boundary.) Firm Presentation Board must be submitted as 20" x 20" high quality PDF. The PDF should be a minimum of 144dpi, recommended 300dpi.

Required Forms (see below for link to downloadable Word document)

Includes Concealed Identification, Legal Disclaimer, Unpaid Intern Disclosure, and Photo Release.

AWARDS

The jury will review the entries and will select projects for Honor, Merit or Citation award recognition.

The jury shall have the sole authority to determine which and how many awards are justified in each category. Each entry is considered individually and is judged on the success with which it has met its individual requirements—not in competition with other entries. Jury decisions will be based solely on the materials submitted. There will be no site visits. The jury's decisions shall be final and not subject to review.



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No minimum or maximum number of awards has been established. Entered projects may also be eligible for additional accolades including excellence in sustainability and excellence in custom residential design.

PROJECT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Each completed submission package must follow these guidelines:

- Submitted in PDF format
- The [Concealed ID, Legal Disclaimer, Unpaid Intern, and Photo Release Forms](#) submitted as a Word document
- PDFs in landscape layout, 12 inches wide by 8.5 inches high
- Not exceed 8MB and 17 pages (not including Required Forms upload or Presentation Board)
- Font 12 point or larger
- Do not reveal firm/project name

LAYOUT GUIDELINES

Page 1

The first page should include the short project narrative of the project (up to approx. 100 words) which illustrates a concise and sharp picture through imaginative verbiage. Follow the summary with one clear graphic that best represents the project. Conclude Page 1 with the project information which should include: the type of project, completion date, commissioned or non-commissioned (available only to AIA LBSB members), and city in which the project is located.

Pages 2 - 3

The next two pages should include the long project narrative (up to approx. 500 words). This is basic information provided to the jury about your project and should not exceed two pages.

1. Describe your project as succinctly as possible.
2. Incorporate information about project intentions, program requirements, and sustainable design goals, if any. Include the context, program/scope, special challenges/unusual characteristics, and the solution/design of the project.



3. Explain all design achievement that demonstrates exemplary skill and creativity in the resolution and integration of formal, functional, and technical requirements.
4. Projects should reflect a strong sense of place, ecology, resource efficiency, history, and purpose as an integral part of demonstrated design excellence.
5. For preservation/restoration projects provide the jury with pertinent information to differentiate between the original architects' work and the newly altered, preserved, or restored work.

Subsequent pages (up to a max. of 17 total pages)

These pages should include images, photos, diagrams, site plans, floor plans, and elevations.

- Photos must be clear with a suggested image resolution of 125 to 150 DPI.
- Include both interior and exterior photographs that illustrate the complete project, including its relationship to its surroundings.
- You may include composite images, but numerous composites throughout the submission are discouraged.
- Site Plans may be drawn at any scale in any medium, but the scale and north arrow must be indicated clearly.
- Floor Plans must clearly explain the solution.
- Historic Preservation/Restoration Projects must include a side-by-side before and after photo.
- Interior Architecture projects are required to include one exterior photo to give context to the project's surroundings.

NOTE: The required Presentation Board (20" x 20") PDF with Firm Name/Logo is a separate upload and is the only document that will include the firm name/logo.

