

AIA San Francisco Excellence in Urban Design Award, co-presented with SPUR

Introduction:

This award category recognizes and honors excellence in urban design.

Deadline for Entries:

February 12, 2010 @ 1:00 pm

Location: AIA San Francisco
130 Sutter Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94104

Criteria:

Each entry in the AIA San Francisco Design Awards program is judged on the success with which it has met its individual requirements. Entries are weighed individually, not in competition with others. All categories are open to both AIA San Francisco members and nonmembers. Urban designers in this context includes anyone involved with the physical design of places or buildings, including architects, planners, and landscape designers. Renovation and rehabilitation projects are also eligible. Criteria include quality of design; resolution of the program or idea; and innovation, thoughtfulness, and technique.

All entries must also include detailed information about the sustainable aspects of the project. The AIA defines sustainability as the concept of meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Sustainable design is achieved through an integrated design and delivery process that enhances the natural and built environment by using energy sensibly with a goal toward carbon neutrality, improves air and water quality, protects and preserves water and other resources, and creates environments, communities and buildings that are livable, comfortable, productive, diverse, and safe. *Sustainability is not the sole criterion on which projects will be judged.*

Eligibility:

- **Bay Area projects:** All architects and designers practicing within the United States are eligible to submit projects that are located in the immediate Bay Area; defined here as any location within a 30-mile radius of the AIA San Francisco office.

OR

- **Bay Area architects:** All architects and designers practicing within the immediate Bay Area, defined as any location within a 30-mile radius of the AIA San Francisco office, are eligible to submit projects located outside the Bay Area. If a firm has multiple offices, only projects executed by the Bay Area offices are eligible.
- Any architect, designer, or architecture firm falling into one of the above categories may submit any number of eligible entries provided each is submitted separately with separate payments.
- Projects that have won awards in other awards programs are eligible unless they were previously honored by AIA San Francisco. **EXCEPTION:** *All previous unbuilt winners are eligible to resubmit in a built category once the project has been completed.*
- Any number of projects can be entered regardless of project size, budget, style, or building type and may include remodeling or extended use projects.
- Work by the firm of a design professional serving as a juror is ineligible.
- Construction must have been completed after January 1, 2006.

Jury:

Please refer to www.aiaf.org/awards for details.

Submission Packet:

Include on CD ROM and in an *Itoya 8.5" x 11" Art Portfolio* binder in this order. Please number the digital files in the order in which they should be viewed. You must submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of your submission packet.

- **50-word summary (Microsoft Word File):** 50-word summary should be approximately two sentences on the project. Copy should be clear, concise and well written, as it may be reproduced in print publications.
- **One-page summary (Microsoft Word File):** Summary should fully outline the program and design objectives and how the project addressed these objectives.
- **Sustainable Design Supplement:** Include information indicating how your project addressed environmental objectives. [CLICK HERE FOR WORKSHEET](#).
- **Site Plan (JPEG format):** Show context and include North arrow
- **Images (JPEG format):** Up to 8 images of the completed project. Artwork should be saved to 8"x10" JPEGs at 300 dpi RGB.
- **Design Team Spreadsheet (Microsoft Excel File):** Include a list (including your firm) identifying ALL design, consultant, construction, and photography credits. This is for office use only; it will not be shown to the jury. [CLICK HERE FOR TEMPLATE](#).

How to Submit:

AIA San Francisco is moving to an electronic registration process. **You must preregister** at <http://designawards.eventbrite.com>. If you are submitting multiple projects, you will need to preregister each project separately. A copy of your confirmation email(s) must be included with your submission packet.

Send your submission packet and a hard copy of your confirmation email from Eventbrite.com to:
Attn: Adriana Nunez/ Re: Design Awards/AIA San Francisco, 130 Sutter Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94104

Entry Fees:

- \$195 AIA SF Members
- \$375 Nonmembers
- Free Students with ID

Entry fees are nonrefundable. Each submission must be accompanied with a check payable to: AIA San Francisco.

Awards Presentation, Exhibition and Publications:

- Winning projects will be announced at the AIA San Francisco Design Awards Gala in May.
- Winning projects will be featured in *California Home + Design*.
- All entries are considered for inclusion in top, national design publications.
- Winning firms are required to submit authorization for use by AIA San Francisco of any photographs and drawings for publicity purposes. Each winning team will be asked to identify a contact for the media.
- Winning firms will assume all exhibition printing costs.

Questions

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NOTE: If any authorship is revealed on file names, images or project summaries viewed by the jury, the entry will be disqualified. The jury will not see the registration forms, physical CD ROMs or the design team spreadsheet.

