

# 2010 AIA Housing Awards

A program of the AIA Housing and Custom Residential Knowledge Community



## *Call for Entries*

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: December 11, 2009, before 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time**

### INTRODUCTION

#### Background

The AIA Housing and Custom Residential Knowledge Community established this awards program to recognize the best in housing design. The program emphasizes the importance of good housing as a necessity of life, a sanctuary for the human spirit, and a valuable national resource.

#### Recognition

The awarded projects will receive significant recognition. They will be acknowledged in AIA publications and electronic media. In addition, recipients may be published in *Architectural Record*.

#### Eligibility

All architects licensed in the U.S. are invited to submit their completed, built projects located in the U.S. In addition, owners of structures or projects fitting the eligibility guidelines may submit those projects for review. New construction, renovations, restored homes and buildings of any size, budget, or style are eligible, including mixed use projects.

Projects completed since January 1, 2005, are eligible. "Completion" is synonymous with "substantial completion" as defined in the standard AIA contract documents governing construction.

The submitting architect may qualify as a member of a design team, whether or not serving as head of the team. When one architect is not the sole author, all other participants contributing substantially to the design of the project must be given credit as part of the submission, regardless of professional discipline. Project authorship must remain anonymous during jury deliberations. If authorship is revealed on any submission materials—images, plans, or narrative—the entry will be disqualified.



Project: Madison @ 14th Apartments, Oakland, Calif.; architect: Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects; photo © Tim Griffith; one of the 2009 AIA Housing Award recipients

To view all the 2009 AIA Housing Award recipients, visit the [Housing press release in AIArchitect](#).

## Award Categories

The categories are (1) One and two family custom residences, (2) One and two family production homes, (3) Multifamily housing, and (4) Specialized housing.

### 1. ONE AND TWO FAMILY CUSTOM RESIDENCES

The One and Two Family Custom Residences award will recognize outstanding designs for custom and remodeled homes for specific client(s).



Project: Cinco Camp, Brewster County, Texas; architect: Rhotenberry Wellen Architects; photo © Hester + Hardaway; one of the 2009 AIA Housing Award recipients

### 2. ONE AND TWO FAMILY PRODUCTION HOMES

The One and Two Family Production Homes award will recognize excellent design of homes built for the speculative market.

### 3. MULTIFAMILY HOUSING

The Multifamily Housing award will recognize outstanding multifamily housing design. Both high- and low-density projects for public and private clients will be considered. Mixed use projects may be considered in this category. In addition to architectural design features, the jury will assess the integration of the building(s) into their context, including open and recreational space, transportation options and features that contribute to livable communities.

### 4. SPECIALIZED HOUSING

The Specialized Housing award will recognize outstanding design of housing that meets the unique needs of other specialized housing types such as single room occupancy residences (SROs), independent living for the disabled, residential rehabilitation programs, domestic violence shelters, residential halls/student housing, and other special housing.

## Judging Criteria

Each entry will be judged for the success with which the project has met its individual requirements, with particular emphasis on design excellence. Sustainability, affordability, innovation, addressing both natural and built context, as well as meeting the specific needs of the client are criteria that will also be evaluated. Entries will be weighed on individual merit and not in competition with one another.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All entries for all categories will be submitted through the AIA Housing Awards submission website. Please note that the following is an outline of the official Submission Instructions and does not include all of the award program's specific guidelines. This outline is intended only to provide a preliminary idea of what is expected. Refer to the official Submission Instructions when assembling a submission.

In recognition of the AIA Sustainable Architectural Practice Position Statement (which sets a goal of at least 50-percent reduction of fossil-fuel energy use in buildings by 2010 and carbon neutrality by 2030), submittal information should include, if possible, the project's percentage of energy reduction and energy consumption per square foot as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Energy Star Target Finder Tool and/or documentation of specific material choices to address the needs for indoor environmental quality and diversion of materials from the waste stream.

## Project Description/Narrative

For each submission, provide a one-page description of the original design objectives and user needs. Descriptions shall be 500 words or less. Explain the distinguishing characteristics of the work and its design elements, and specifically describe how the users' needs were met. The jury will use the project description as a guide to evaluate each submission.

## Digital Images and Drawings

Upload images to the submission website as one single PDF file, smaller than 4 MB. Digital images must include at least the following in the specified categories, with the possibility that a specific category may require additional images:

- Minimum of one site plan, one set of descriptive floor plan(s) adequate to explain the building(s), and one plan showing a building section;
- Exterior views (minimum of one image for each exposed side of the building or environment);
- Minimum of one image, preferably more, for each exposed side of the building or environment that shows its immediate context (may be omitted if the project's relationship to its environment is clearly defined in other prints);
- At least two images of the interior;
- For projects involving renovations or alterations, provide "before" and "after" images, to the extent possible; the images should convey a sense of the architects' new work;
- For a group of buildings, one image of the project sufficient to illustrate the concept, including its relationship to its environs;
- For projects involving exterior alterations, one image of each altered (exposed) side together with one image of the same side before alteration (unless evidence is submitted on the unavailability of the latter).



Project: 700 Palms Residence, Venice, Calif.; architect: Ehrlich Architects; photo © Julius Shulman & Juergen Nogai; one of the 2009 AIA Housing Award recipients

## Deadlines and Other Requirements

- Project authorship will remain concealed throughout the deliberations of the jury. If the authorship is revealed on any images, plans, or narratives, the entry will be disqualified. Rights to images and plans must be cleared for publication. Entrants are responsible for any royalties or copyright photography fees. Before entering, entrants must have the owners' approval to submit the project. Owners must be informed of the significant recognition in the media should the project be awarded.
- The deadline date is strictly observed—no exceptions will be made. No entry fee will be refunded for entries that are disqualified or incomplete.

Note: All submitted materials, including documentation, images, and plans, will become the property of The American Institute of Architects.

Any project that credits a 2010 AIA Housing Awards jury member, or his or her firm as architect, associate architect, consultant, or client, is ineligible and will be disqualified if submitted.

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