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## Accessible Design Awards

**Deadline: May 20, 2016** Co-sponsored by the BSA Access Committee and the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board

This program recognizes excellence in the design of buildings or facilities that are accessible for persons of all abilities. Successful projects include the integration of accessibility requirements and exceed the legal requirements with features that anticipate diverse user needs and benefits.

Creative solutions are sought that include effective accessibility as part of well-designed, responsive architecture in these categories:

- A. **Public Architecture** projects are buildings and facilities to which Massachusetts statute 521 CMR applies. This statute (MGL Chapter 22, Section 13A) may be viewed at [mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/22-13a.htm](http://mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/22-13a.htm).
- B. **Private Residential** projects address an individual's personal accessibility needs.
- C. **William D. Smith Memorial Award** projects integrate accessibility with historic preservation.

*In private residences, public and commercial buildings, entries may be for entire facilities or site-specific solutions. Project types might include exteriors (ramps, signage, campuses, landscape); interiors (entries, bathrooms, hardware, lifts, details); or buildings. Entries will be judged in part on effectiveness in integrating the specific access solution into the overall project design. The jury is empowered to determine the extent to which design excellence is informed by aesthetic, functional, social, sustainable, as well as accessible and other characteristics.*

### Eligibility

This program is open to everyone—designers, building officials, citizens, community groups, building owners and public agencies. Projects and solutions must be located in Massachusetts. Associate AIA members and other unlicensed designers may submit projects that do not require the stamp of a licensed professional. Projects must have been completed after January 1, 2010, and before April 15, 2016. Projects that have been honored in past years and work by jurors or by their firms are ineligible.

### Entry fees

The nonrefundable entry fee for the first submission is \$50 for Massachusetts AIA members and \$100 for all others. The fee for each additional submission by the same architect or firm is \$30 for Massachusetts AIA members and \$60 for all others. (There is no limit on submissions.) Checks should be made payable to *Boston Society of Architects*.

### Submission

Complete this entry form and mail it with your entry fee and design materials to:

BSA Accessible Design Awards  
Boston Society of Architects  
290 Congress Street  
Boston, MA 02210

All submissions are due by 4:00 pm on May 20, 2016. Conceal references to the architecture firm on all materials submitted for the jury's review.

### For more information

Visit [architects.org/awards](http://architects.org/awards), or contact the BSA at [awards@architects.org](mailto:awards@architects.org) or 617-391-4017.

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## Submission checklist

Mailed entries must be sealed in an 8.5" x 11" portfolio that includes all the following:

[ 1 ] **Printed project description**  
(See requirements to the right)

[ 2 ] **Up to 20 project photographs** including annotated site plans and building plans, as applicable. Plans are crucial. Provide captions for all images. **Be sure to credit photographers.**

[ 3 ] **Disc or flash drive** containing:

All images and a digital copy of the site plan (format: .jpg, .tif, or .pdf, at least 2000 pixels wide and 300 dpi);

A credit list that must include names and addresses for associated architecture firms, the contractor or construction manager, and all other consultants;

Project description (formatted .doc or .txt)

[ 4 ] **Entry fee** (see page 1), payable to Boston Society of Architects

For frequently asked questions and tips for submission, please visit [architects.org/awards](http://architects.org/awards)

## Project description requirements (one page, typed)\*

- Project type and location; site description (please indicate project category; see page 1)
- Type (conceal name of client when possible); description of the planning, design, and construction processes
- Program; your solutions to unique design challenges; special constraints
- Whether the project is new or a renovation
- Whether the design is original or an adaptation of a prototype
- Sustainable elements including relevant information about regional climate, measured energy data, and LEED or BREEAM assessment (if applicable)
- Accessible/universal design elements
- Urban context (links to public transportation and other public facilities)
- Construction budget; cost per square foot; materials used; innovative building components
- Total square footage; total number of units; low-income units (if applicable)
- Others involved in the design process (e.g., users, artists, community members)

**\*The jurors have a limited time with each portfolio. Please format text accordingly.**

## Design award entry form

Project name and location (city and state):

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Date of completion:

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Firm or institution (if applicable):

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Mailing address (street address, no PO boxes):

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Contact for project:

\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone:

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Email:

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Client Name:

## Payment

Entry fee (see page 1): [                    ]

I am paying with a [   ] check [   ] money order

I am paying with a credit card: [   ] Visa [   ] MasterCard [   ] American Express

Name exactly as printed on card:

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Card number:

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Expiration date:

## Read and check below

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