



Call for entries>>

## **Sustainable Design Awards**

Deadline: ~~August 21, 2020~~ September 11, 2020

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### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### **What projects are eligible?**

Projects that demonstrate the systematic integration of sustainability are eligible. The jury may choose to recognize contributions to the built environment which demonstrate the following: beauty and design excellence as a celebration of place; triple bottom line (people, planet, and profit) response and appropriateness; exemplary and measurable environmental performance and conservation; innovation in practice, process, and/or technology utilization; measurable social benefits and/or impacts beyond the site. **Special consideration will be given to projects that demonstrate success through actual metrics, such as energy usage data.**

Submitters are encouraged but not required to be signatories of the AIA 2030 Commitment, and proposals should attempt to clearly meet and demonstrate the tenets of the 2030 Commitment at their respective points of substantial completion.

This category includes the Building Enclosure Design Award, which recognizes innovation in building enclosure design through the craft, science, and engineering of high-performance building enclosures, either commercial or residential. NOTE: Any project submitted to this program is eligible for the Building Enclosure Design Award. There is no special entry process.

Projects recognized by prior Sustainable Design Award juries are ineligible, as is work done by this year's jurors or their firms.

#### **Who is eligible to submit?**

Anyone is eligible to submit. Massachusetts AIA firm members receive special pricing.

#### **Where must eligible projects be located?**

Projects by New England design professionals may be located anywhere.  
Projects by others must be located in New England.

#### **When must have eligible projects been built?**

Projects must have been completed between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2019.

### **SUBMISSION**

#### **How do I submit my project?**

Visit the [BSA Design Awards submission page](#), create an account, and submit.

#### **How much is the entry fee?**

Massachusetts AIA firm members pay \$150 for their first submission and \$100 for subsequent submissions.  
Nonmembers pay \$250 for their first submission and \$200 for subsequent submissions.

## JURYING

### How are projects judged?

The judging criterion is design excellence as manifested by contributions to an aesthetic compatible with sustainability, contributions to the environmental balance, energy efficiency, appropriate land use, minimal ecological impact, reuse of existing buildings or facilities, level of use of nonrenewable resources in the construction of and during the life of the project, level of use of recycled or renewable materials, and/or excellence in integrating sustainable concepts with traditional design requirements.

## SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Please submit all components as requested below. Submission materials to be reviewed by the jurors must remain anonymous (no firm names listed). Those checklist items that jurors will not review will be used by the BSA to celebrate winning projects online, in the annual Design Awards exhibition, and at the annual BSA Awards Gala.

### What will the jurors review?

- Digital project portfolio
  - 20 pages maximum
  - Should include:
    - Project description (250 words or fewer)
    - Project images with captions and credits
    - Annotated site and building plans
  - Submit as PDF uploaded to digital submission platform
- Project information - standard
  - Submit as text input or selection in digital submission platform fields
- Project information - Framework for Design Excellence
  - Please note: This year the BSA is testing the use of the AIA Framework for Design Excellence as part of its Sustainable Design Awards submission and evaluation, following the American Institute of Architects (AIA) 2021 Architecture Award process. Significant data will be requested but not required (you may enter NA if you do not have or do not want to provide the requested information).

### What won't the jurors review?

- Project description (same as portfolio project description)
  - 250 words or fewer
  - Submit as .doc uploaded to digital submission platform
- Up to 20 images—photographs and annotated site and building plans
  - Minimum 2000 pixels wide and 300 dpi
  - Must include photographer credit in file name
  - Photographs should not include text
  - Submit as .jpg, .tif, or .png files uploaded to digital submission platform
- Credit list that must include names and locations for associated architecture firms, the contractor or construction manager, photographers, and all other consultants
  - Submit as text input in digital submission platform fields
- Credit list that indicates all associated architecture firms, contractors and construction managers, photographers, and all other consultants that are certified Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs)
- Affirmation of Intern Declaration Policy
- Affirmation of AIA Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct
- Declaration of AIA 2030 Commitment (if applicable)
- Consent to the Boston Society of Architects/AIA statement on equity, diversity, and inclusion
- Entry fee
  - Submit electronically through digital submission platform



### **What does my project description need to include?**

- Description of site
- Description of the planning, design, and construction processes. **Always conceal firm name.**
- Program; your solutions to unique design challenges; special constraints
- Sustainable and resiliency elements including relevant information about regional climate, measured energy data, and registrations and certifications (LEED, BREEAM, Passive House, Living Building Challenge, etc.)
- Accessible and universal design elements
- Equity, diversity, and inclusion story (in relation to project team, client, project uses, or other stakeholders)
- Urban context (links to public transportation, public facilities, etc.)
- Materials used; innovative building components
- Others involved in the design process (e.g., users, artists, community members)
- **Special consideration will be given to projects that demonstrate success through actual metrics, such as energy usage data.**

### **QUESTIONS?**

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