



Call for entries>>

Small Firms Design Awards

Deadline: August 20, 2021

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ELIGIBILITY

What projects are eligible?

Projects by firms with ten or fewer full-time employees. This includes all employees—not just designers.

Projects that have been honored by prior Small Firms Design Awards juries are ineligible, as is work by jurors or by their firms.

Who is eligible to submit?

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

Associate AIA members and other unlicensed design professionals, including interior architects or interior designers, may submit projects that do not require the stamp of a licensed professional.

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, 2014 and December 31, 2020.

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?

BSA member firms pay \$100 for their first submission and \$75 for subsequent submissions.
Nonmembers pay \$125 for their first submission and \$100 for subsequent submissions.

JURYING

How are projects judged?

The judging criteria will be informed by the ten principles of the AIA Framework for Design Excellence and the three impact areas of BSA Impact Areas—Advancing Architecture, Environment, and Equity.

The jury will meet in Fall 2021. The jury may view projects independently on a computer screen; the jury will view projects as a group on a projector screen.

QUESTIONS?

Visit architects.org/awards or email awards@architects.org.

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 and at the annual BSA Awards Gala.

What will the jurors review?

- Entrant information—firm demographics and disadvantaged business enterprise certification
- Entrant information-- declaration of AIA 2030 Commitment
- Project information—Framework for Design Excellence
 - Address at least three of the ten Framework principles
 - Submit as text input or selection in digital submission platform fields
- 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

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
- 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?

Use this opportunity to tell a clear and compelling story about your project. Please address at least one of the BSA's three Impact areas: Equity, Environment, and Advancing Architecture.