



AIA/COTE 2012 Top Ten Green Projects

OVERVIEW

The Top Ten Green Projects program seeks to identify and recognize the benefits of a high performance, sustainable design approach; to educate the architectural community and the public at large on the increased value that sustainable design provides for developers, building owners and occupants; and to acknowledge architects as experts in the creation of energy conscious and environmentally responsible design solutions.

The competition schedule is as follows:

November 21, 2011 – Registration opens

January 23, 2012 — Final registration and project submittal

Project submittal deadline: 5:00 p.m. PST/8:00 p.m. EST, Monday, January 23

WARNING: *Plan ahead to allow maximum time to submit the project online—don't wait until the deadline, when any last-minute complications could jeopardize your ability to complete the application on time.*

February 2012— A technical review team will review the entries and submitters may be asked to clarify or provide additional information to support the jury's deliberations.

March 2012 – COTE Top Ten jury meeting

Early April 2012 – Notification to all entrants of the jury decision

Mid-April 2012 – Announcement of winners by AIA media relations.

The press release will be distributed to major national media, environmental/trade press outlets, and winners' local media outlets.

May 17-19 – Exhibition of 2012 Top Ten winners at AIA National Convention and Design Expo in Washington, DC

Eligibility

All architects licensed in the United States are eligible to submit entries, regardless of project size, budget, style, building type, or location. Entries are welcomed and encouraged from both established and new practitioners and designers and from small firms and large. New buildings and renovations/restorations are eligible. Projects must be built and completed not earlier than 2002 and at least three months prior to the submission deadline. "Completion" is synonymous with "substantial completion" as defined in the standard AIA documents governing construction. The entry is to be submitted by the architect.

The submitting architect may qualify as a member of a design team, whether or not serving as the 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. Projects whose team includes jury members or any of their firms (see jury list below), even if the role was only an early consulting role, may not be submitted and if submitted will be disqualified. We encourage you to wait and submit the following year.



Jury Process

The 2012 projects will be selected by an invited jury. This design competition will evaluate projects based on a broad and inclusive definition of design quality that includes performance, aesthetics, community connection, and stewardship of the natural environment. Each project will be evaluated on its own merit, rather than in competition with the other submittals. No prizes will be awarded. Winning projects will be recognized with an AIA/COTE award certificate and acknowledged in the national press and on the AIA Web site

The AIA COTE 2012 Top Ten Jury:

Clark S. Brockman, AIA | SERA Architects
Steve Dumez, FAIA | Eskew+Dumez+Ripple
Scott Shell, FAIA | EHDD Architecture
Vivian E. Loftness, FAIA | Carnegie Mellon University
Paul Schwer | PAE Consulting Engineers
Sue Barnett | Sue Barnett Sustainable Design

Entry Requirements

On the Call for Entries page at <http://www.aiatopten.org> is a list of PDF files. These files contain all of the information you need to prepare a project for submission. Keep these files for reference as you complete the online submittal form. **Project registration fee and online submittal are due January 23, 2012** (see schedule above). Late submittals will not be accepted. All submission fees are non-refundable. Requirements for submittals follow below.

Project Registration Fee

A registration fee is required for each project. Register online by using the link on the Call for Entries page before the deadline. Discounted registration is available for AIA members. Registration fees per project are as follows: AIA members, \$325; Non-members, \$450.

Project Online Submittal

The online submittal site will be open beginning November 21, 2011. Each project's data must be submitted electronically. An architect or firm may submit more than one project, but each project requires a separate registration fee. If more than one architecture firm worked on the project, name each firm and describe each firm's role. Submittals with firm or architect names in photos or general descriptions will be disqualified. (Photo credits and project team information fields will be hidden from the jury.)

The online entry form has 15 screens. Complete the sections in any order. You may click on "View Draft" (at the top each screen) to check your progress and you can modify any information at any time until the form is finalized. Once all sections are complete, click the Finalize at the bottom of the last screen. The form will alert you if any required information is missing, and you will not be able to finalize your submission until that information has been provided. **No revisions can be made once the project has been submitted.**

NOTE: The PDF version of the PROJECT REQUIREMENTS is for information and planning purposes only, not a substitute for the online submittal. The PDF version shows you what is required for the project descriptions and photos/images. Using the information on these forms, gather your information, edit it, and then copy it into the online submittal forms.



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Displaying the Winning Entries of the 2012 Top Ten Green Projects

The firms representing the ten projects selected as the AIA/COTE 2012 Top Ten Green Projects will be required to submit two sets of presentation boards upon notification as well as high resolution project images for publicity purposes.

Projects of appropriate building types will also be expected to use the U.S. EPA's Target Finder or Portfolio Manager to generate an Energy Performance Rating. Winning firms will also be expected to facilitate providing actual performance data once it becomes available.

Winning presentation boards will be exhibited at the 2012 AIA National Convention and Expo in Washington, DC May 17-19. **Details on the board requirements will be included in the notification sent to the firms of the ten selected projects.**

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