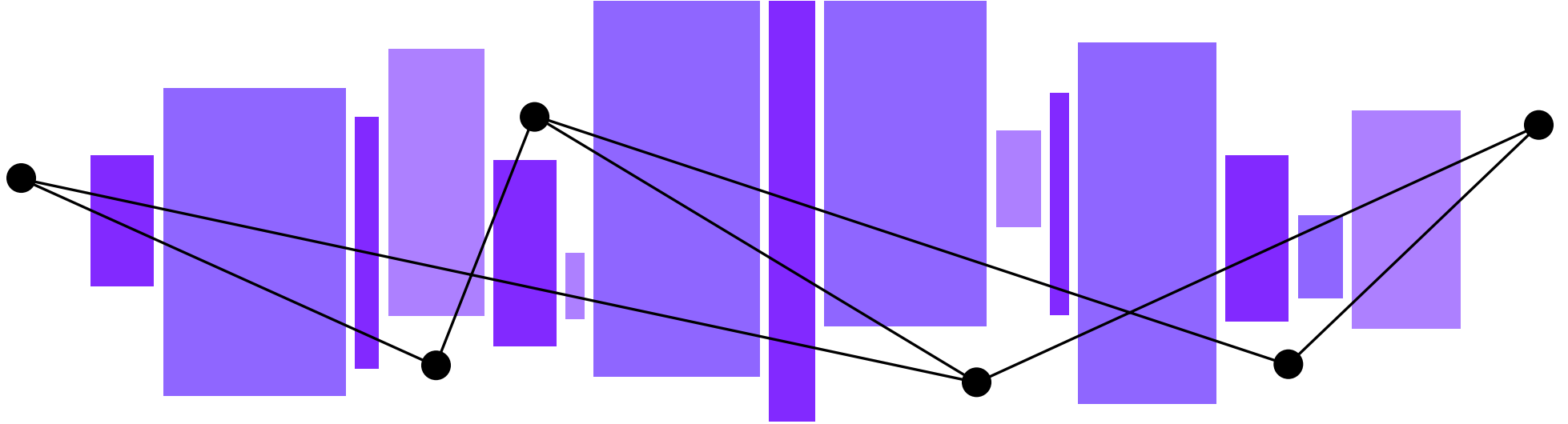


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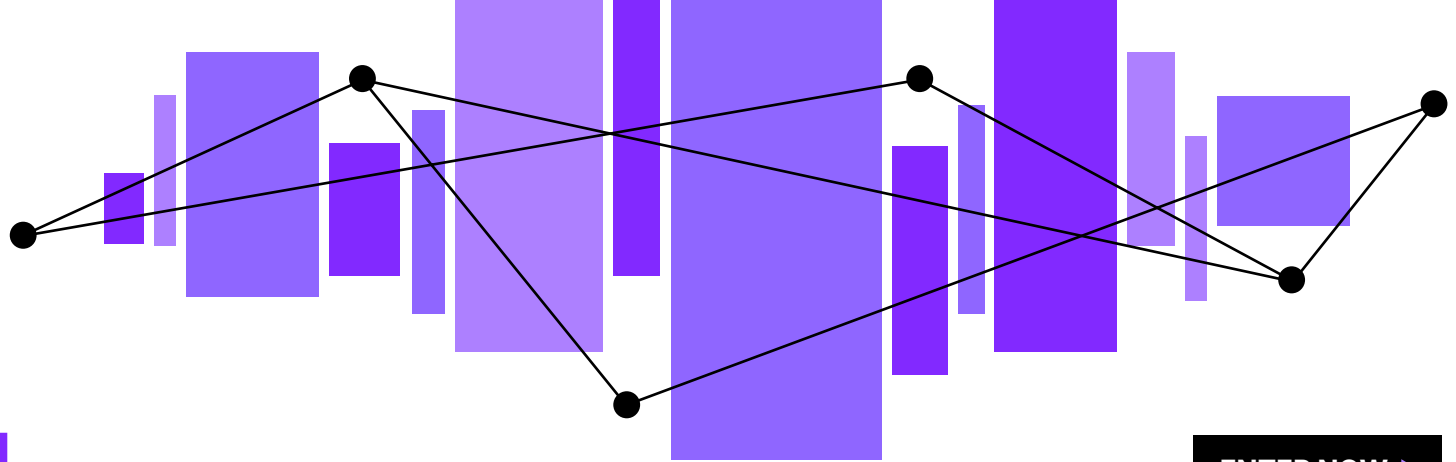
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Enduring architecture helps shape and grow our communities. The 25 Year Award honors compelling work that remains relevant a quarter century after completion.

The submission does not have to be designed by the nominating firm.

Eligibility

- Entries must be a completed building project in Iowa, a single building, or groups of buildings, completed at least 25 but not more than 40 years ago.
- The building must be standing in substantially completed form and in good condition; it should still carry out the basic original program.
- It must have excellence in function in the distinguished execution of its original program and in the creative aspects of its statement by today's standards.
- Restorations, rehabs, and interior design projects are excluded from consideration.
- Significant additions to buildings will be considered.
- Buildings submitted for consideration do not have to be designed by an Iowa firm; however, the building must be located in Iowa.
- Entries must be nominated or submitted by a current AIA Iowa member. For consideration, the project does not need to be nominated by the firm of record.
- Projects will be evaluated based on the images and written description only. The jury will not be able to visit the buildings.



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Jury

Respected professionals from the architectural community, outside the state of Iowa. The jury chair is selected, and they assemble a jury.

Entry Fee

There is no entry fee required to submit but members should complete the official entry form on AIAIowa.org. Simply submit a request for a Concealed Identification Number (CIN) to let us know you are submitting.

Timetable

Entries must be received electronically through AIAIowa.org by **August 6, 2026**. After we receive your entries, we will email you instructions, a concealed identification number (you will enter this in your online submission), and online submission directions. Completed entries must be uploaded to the site by 4 p.m. **August 7, 2026**.

Presentation

The 25-Year Award will be presented at the AIA Iowa Design Awards Celebration, Thursday, September 24, 2026, and will be published in the Iowa Architect magazine. Award winning firms will be notified prior to the presentation to allow for additional representatives to be present at the celebration.

Submission Requirements

Each entrant will be sent instructions on how to submit their projects digitally to IowaArchitecture.org. In order to establish a common basis for judging submissions, the data and graphic portions of the submittal is to be completed and submitted online. It will be the entrant's responsibility to ensure that the submissions remain anonymous and are cleared for release by their respective photographers, architects, etc.

The following information will be captured through the online form: General Info:

General Info: Public Project Title, Public Project Description, Project Completion Date, Project Cost

Physical Info: Address, Square Feet, Project Type, Building Type

Secondary Firm: Name, Phone Number, Address

People Involved: Contractor, Engineer, Photographer, etc.

Image Upload Requirements: 1500 px X 800 px at 300 dpi.

File types: JPG, GIF, PNG

Releases: Architect, Copyright

Code of Ethics Acknowledgement

Juried Content: CIN, Square Feet, Project Cost, Energy Source, 2030 Challenge, (1) Project Narrative, (3) Framework for Design Excellence Measure Narratives, (14) Photos as outlined in submission.

Learn more about the Framework for Design Excellence and the 2030 Challenge on our website at AIAIowa.org/AwardsResources.