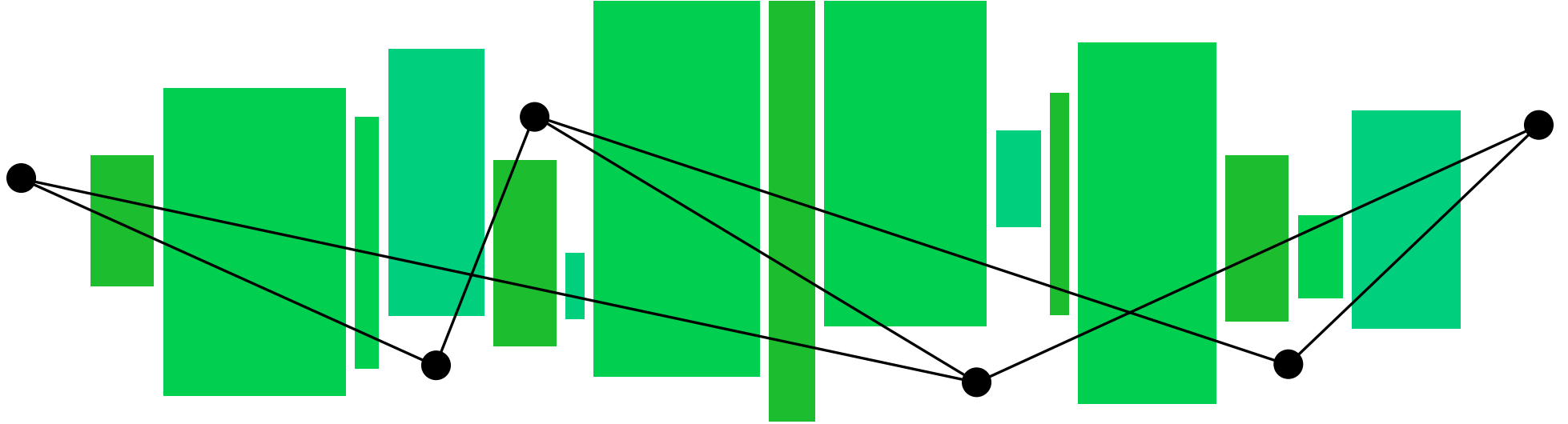


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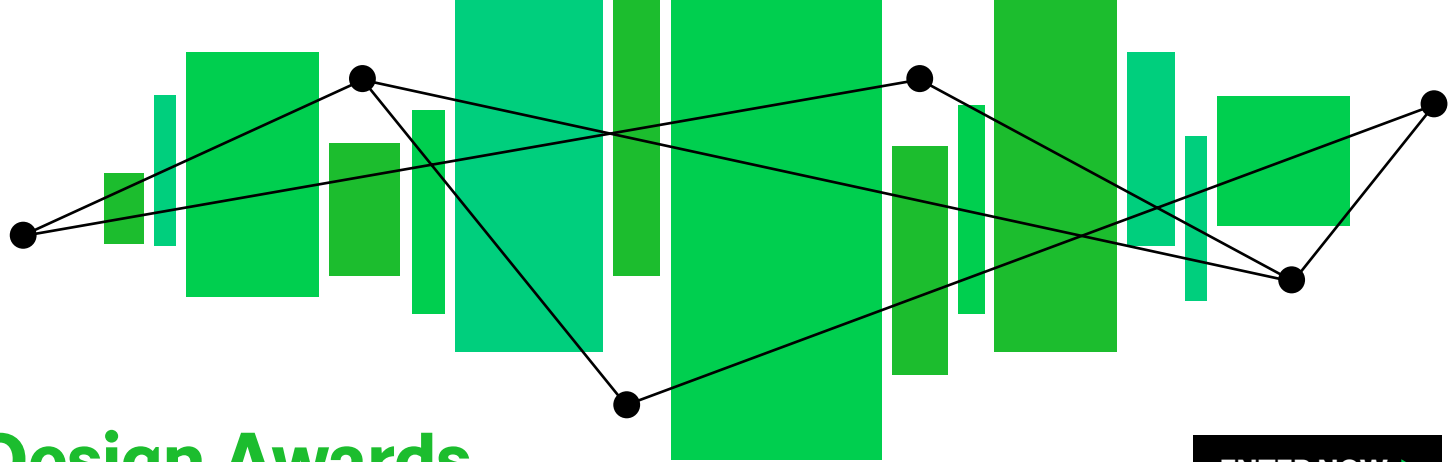
AIA Iowa Excellence in Design Awards

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Recognizing excellence in architecture projects which are designed by members of AIA Iowa and emphasizing its importance in the community.

Eligibility

- Completed architectural projects where over 50% of the design is attributed to an AIA Iowa architect or member firm. Design means the Iowa firm is the primary author of the concepts and features unique to the design, including aesthetics.
- Project must have been completed within the last five (5) years.
- Projects need not be located in Iowa.
- An individual or firm may submit an unlimited number of entries.
- No project that has previously been honored by AIA Iowa may be entered.



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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

An entry fee of \$200 is required for each submission. Entrants should complete the online form at AIAIowa.org to begin the process. Following payment, entrants will receive further instructions for project submission. Fees cannot be refunded for submittals not received.

Timetable

Entry fees must be received electronically through AIAIowa.org by **August 6, 2026**. After we receive your entries, we will email you instructions, concealed identification numbers (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 Excellence in Design Awards 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

Entrants will submit their projects digitally on IowaArchitecture.org. Each entrant will be sent instructions on how to submit their projects digitally. In order to establish a common basis for judging submissions, all data and graphic portions of the submittal must be completed 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.

All submissions will be submitted through IowaArchitecture.org digitally. The following information will be captured through the online form:

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 Acknowledgment

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.