As architects, we have the unique ability and opportunity to transform demands, desires, and constraints into solutions. We are visionaries, and this work requires equal parts expertise to design well and skill to advocate for the value of our designs.

Our designs have the power to help our world gain independence from carbon and regrow our natural environments. They have the power to create spaces where everyone feels equal and welcome. Our designs have the power to replace the infrastructure of the past with farsighted resiliency. They even have the power to support opportunity in all its many forms. In short, architecture can create a world where we thrive physically, emotionally, economically, and socially, if we can convince others to support it.

As architects, we exercise our aptitudes for leadership and collaboration within our design teams. But if we extend these strengths to our clients and to our communities, where the need for them is greater, we could have a greater impact—an impact beyond the scope and duration of the project.

Now, let us align our time and talent by advocating for the world we want to live in. It is only through our advocacy that we can help realize a more sustainable, equitable, and beautiful future.
Iowa craftspeople and/or companies who demonstrate particular skill and inventiveness in the execution and incorporation of their craft into our built environment.

Every project can only be as successful as its quality in design and execution. As a profession, we recognize the collaborative effort that is required to progress and create designs that inspire movement in design and the community. It is the craftspeople and companies that allow these intangible ideas to become reality. Through the Craft Award we recognize the importance of skill and inventiveness in execution to elevate design.

**Eligibility Requirements**

- Entries shall be elements or objects from projects of all scales.
- Constructed by Iowa craftspeople and/or companies from projects by AIA Iowa Member Firm or Allied Member.
- Project must have been completed within the last five (5) years.
- Projects need not be located in Iowa.
- Any project that has previously received an Excellence in Craft Award by AIA Iowa may not be entered.
- An individual or firm may submit an unlimited number of entries.
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 $125 is required for each submission. Entrants should complete the online form to begin the process. Following payment, entrants will receive further instructions for project submission. Fees cannot be refunded for submittals not received.

Timetable

Entries must be requested via online form by August 9, 2022. After we receive your entry, 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 11, 2022.

Presentation

The Excellence in Design Awards will be presented at the AIA Iowa Design Awards Celebration, Thursday, September 29, 2022 and will be published in the Iowa Architect magazine. Award winning firm(s) 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 entrants 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: 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 SIZE REQUIREMENTS: 1500 x 800 pixels at 300 dpi.

FILE TYPES: JPG, GIF, PNG

JURY DATA: Title, Description, Client Name, CIN Number

RELEASES: Architect, Copyright

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