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CALL FOR ENTRIES

AIA San Diego Accepting Submissions for its
2008 Design & Young Architect of the Year Awards Programs

March 24, 2008 (San Diego, Calif.) — The American Institute of Architects San Diego (AIASD) chapter is accepting entries for its 2008 Design Awards & 2008 Young Architect of the Year Award (YAYA) beginning March 17th and continuing through May 9th, 2008. Licensed architects are encouraged to submit their work for consideration immediately.

Award-winning projects and the Young Architect of the Year award winner will be recognized at the Design Awards Gala to be held June 7, 2008, at The Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla, Calif.



About the Design Awards

The Design Awards program was created to highlight outstanding architecture; to elevate the standards of good design; and to inspire, educate and influence the architectural community. Originally instituted in 1960 as the bi-annual "Honor Awards Program," the program became an annual event in 1982 in response to increased participation, growing AIA visibility, and heightened design awareness.

About the Design Awards

The Design Awards program is open to any licensed architect, or their firms, located in San Diego and Imperial Counties, regardless of project location. Projects are also eligible if they were designed for, or built in San Diego or Imperial Counties by a licensed architect or firm not local to San Diego. AIA membership is not a prerequisite to submit. Beginning March 17th, entry forms and application instructions will be available at www.aiasandiego.org. All entries must be received by noon on May 9th, 2008, to be considered.

Architects may submit projects in the following categories: Residential, Commercial, Un-built, Interiors, Institutional, Historic Preservation, Mixed-use, Urban Solutions, and "The Divine Detail." This last category refers to isolated architectural details worthy of consideration all by themselves for their unique, ingenious, and/or graceful elements. It is an opportunity for established or emerging architects to display their talent on a smaller scale.

Energy Efficiency Integration Award

In association with SDGE's "Savings by Design" Program, projects that have given outstanding design consideration to energy performance will be recognized with the "Energy Efficiency Integration Award." This award is available to commercial,

institutional, or multi-family built projects only, which are located within the SDG&E service territory. Projects will be judged by how successfully they have seamlessly integrated energy-efficiency strategies into their building design. Built project refers to ‘substantial completion’ as defined by the AIA contract.

AIASD COTE (Committee on the Environment) Award

This award recognizes outstanding achievement in environmentally sustainable architecture. The eligibility requirements are the same as those outlined for the Design Awards program. Eligible projects may be any project type, but this award is restricted to built projects only. Projects will be judged using the National AIA COTE Ten Measures of Sustainable Design.



About the Young Architect of the Year Award (YAYA)

The Young Architect of the Year Awards program, fondly known as the YAYA, was created to encourage renewal within the architectural community by recognizing and promoting the next generation of architects responsible for shaping the future of our built environment.

The YAYA program is open to architects currently licensed in the state of California, who have been licensed for less than 10 years (including the duration of other state licenses). AIASD membership is a prerequisite. For submittal information or to be added to the interest list, candidates are encouraged to email yaya@aiasandiego.org or visit www.aiasandiego.org.

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About the AIA: With more than 74,000 members, the national AIA organization provides tools and resources to help architects meet the challenges of a complex and competitive marketplace. Over its 150-year history, the organization has grown to more than 300 local chapters. Its members have access to exclusive information and services on AIA websites and are kept abreast of latest developments through educational programs. The San Diego chapter serves the needs of more than 1,000 members from its offices in downtown San Diego; Tel 619.232.0109; www.aiasandiego.org.