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Award-Winning San Diego Architecture on Display

AIA San Diego invites the public to view
2006 Design and Young Architect of the Year Awards Winners' Work

March 13, 2007 (San Diego, Calif.) — The American Institute of Architects (AIA) San Diego chapter is pleased to invite the public to view award-winning projects from its 2006 Design Awards and Young Architect of the Year program. Graphical display boards detailing the winning projects are available to view through the end of April at the following locations:

- **Now – through March 22nd** at the City of San Diego Development Services main offices, located at 1222 First Avenue, San Diego 92101. Displays are viewable during normal business hours on the first floor of the building.
- **March 23rd** at the CANstruction 2007 Gala at the Wyndham Emerald Plaza. More information at: <http://www.canstructionsd.org/Gala.htm>
- **The month of April** at the Museum of Natural History in Balboa Park. Displays are viewable during normal museum opening hours.

The AIA San Diego is currently accepting entries for its 2007 Design Awards & 2007 Young Architect of the Year Award (YAYA) through May 18, 2007. 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 30, 2007, at The Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla, Calif.

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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.

The Design Awards program is open to any licensed architect, or their firms, located in San Diego County, regardless of project location. AIA membership is not a prerequisite. Projects are also eligible if they were designed for, or built in San Diego County by a licensed architect or firm not local to San Diego. Entry forms and application instructions will be available at www.aiasandiego.org.

Architects may submit projects in the following categories: Residential, Commercial, Unbuilt, 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.

In association with the successful "Savings By Design" program, winning submittals will also be considered for an Energy Efficiency Integration Award. This award is available to completed commercial and institutional projects located within San Diego County, the SDG&E service territory. Projects will be judged for how successfully they have integrated energy efficient strategies into their award-winning building 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). AIA membership is a pre-requisite. 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 75,000 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.