

The New Mexico Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA NM) announces the **2026 elevAte Design & Honor Awards Program**. This annual awards program endeavors to elevAte architecture by shining a spotlight on design, including the people who make it happen and the communities it impacts. The program also serves to increase public awareness of the outstanding services provided by architects as well as emphasize the importance of the architect's role in shaping the quality of the built environment through design excellence.

Award Categories this year include the following:

- **Design Awards**
 - Urban & Regional Planning Award
 - 25-Year Award
 - Distinguished Architecture Award
 - Interior Architecture Award
 - Component Architecture Award
 - Un-Built Design Award
- **Performance Awards**
 - Sustainable & Resiliency Design Award
- **Practice Awards**
 - Firm of the Year Award
 - Emerging Professional Friendly Firm Award
 - Contractor of the Year Award
 - Consultant of the Year Award
- **Leadership Awards**
 - New Mexico Architects Medal
 - New Mexico Lifetime Achievement Medal
 - Associate Award
 - Young Architect Award
 - Distinguished Client Award
 - Community Design Award
 - Award of Distinction
 - Patron Award
- **Education Awards**
 - Educator of the Year Award

The Design Award Jury may make Awards in three echelons of distinction of which the Jury will determine the number, if any, of each Award, with a fourth category for special distinction. These echelons refer to the Design Awards only.

- **Honor Award:** Projects that exhibit the highest distinction.
- **Merit Award:** Projects that exhibit superior quality.
- **Citation Award:** Projects deserving special commendation.
- **Special Recognition:** Specific recognition as determined by the jury for a notable detail, attention to a specific design feature, or other design recognition as determined by the jury.

This year AIA NM is holding the Celebration on Friday, April 24, 2026 at The National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque NM.

This year's format will continue to not previously notify winners. We look forward to receiving your entries.

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THE AWARDS PROGRAM

JURORS

DESIGN Awards

Jury Chair: **Hadrian Predock, AIA**
Project Jurors: To be selected by the Jury Chair

PERFORMANCE Awards

Jury Chair: **Stephen Dent, AIA**
Practice Jurors: To be selected by the Jury Chair

PRACTICE, PATRON, CLIENT, & EP FRIENDLY FIRM Awards

Jurors: **AIA New Mexico Executive Committee**

Award of DISTINCTION

Jurors: **AIA New Mexico Board of Directors**

LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION Awards

Jury Chair: **Timothy de Noble, FAIA**
Leadership Jurors: To be selected by the Jury Chair

SCHEDULE / DEADLINES

- Tuesday, January 20, 2026 Call for Entries published
- 11:59pm, Friday, February 6, 2026 Early Bird Entry Forms and Fees Due
**Electronic submission*
- 11:59pm, Friday, February 27, 2026 **ALL Entry Forms and Fees Due**
**Electronic submission*
- 11:59pm, Thursday, March 5, 2026 **Submittal Deadline to AIA NM (all entrants)**
**Electronic submission*
- March 2026 Jury Review
- **Wednesday, April 8, 2026** **Display Boards Due to AIA NM** (all entrants please contact nmdirector@aianewmexico.org to arrange drop-off)
- 6:00 pm, Friday, April 24, 2026 The Party at The National Hispanic Cultural Center

RELEASE

The act of submittal signifies that the entrant assumes responsibility for the accuracy of information and warrants the permissions have been obtained from all who may have rights to the work, including its representation and photography. Entrants further acknowledge that no royalties or compensation are due. Entrants agree to hold AIA New Mexico, its sponsors, staff, consultants, and members, harmless from all liability and grant AIA New Mexico the non-exclusive right to publish, reproduce, and distribute the entry.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBILITY: DESIGN + PRACTICE AWARDS

- **Entrants:** All entrants must be AIA New Mexico architects in good standing, registered with the New Mexico Board of Examiners for Architects – OR – AIA members in good standing residing outside the state of New Mexico who are licensed with the New Mexico Board of Examiners for Architects and are submitting a project or practice located within New Mexico. Entries from multi-office firms are limited to work designed principally under the authority of a New Mexico office. Only the “firm of record” or, in its absence, the “architect of record” may submit. When the submitting architect is not the sole author, all other participants substantially contributing to the design of the project must be credited in the submittal, regardless of discipline, title, or role.
 - **AIAS and Associate AIA members in good standing are eligible to submit Unbuilt Design Award Entries at a discounted rate.**
- **Projects:** Projects submissions may be located or designed for any location in the World. Built work must be completed and built in the past five years or since January 1, 2021. Un-built entries must have been designed in the last five years or since January 1, 2021.
- **Previous Winners:** Firms and individuals are encouraged to resubmit previously unsuccessful entries. Previous AIA New Mexico Award winners are not eligible for the same award, though previous winners may submit for other awards unless expressly noted.
- **Jury:** The jury reserves the right to consider projects for Awards other than the one for which it was originally submitted.

SUBMITTAL INFORMATION: DESIGN AWARDS

- **Submit to:** All information is to be submitted digitally to a Dropbox folder that will be set up for each individual entrant. An individual link will be sent once payment is received. Please set up a free Dropbox account if you or your firm does not already have one. **Your folder will have a coded name, which will become your Project ID Number.**
- **Anonymous PowerPoint:** Follow the PowerPoint template as set up in Dropbox, available by a link shared with you.
 - Choose a black or white background
 - Maximum of twenty-five (25) slides including slide 1 and 2 as defined below; maximum of 20 MB per submittal per award
 - 1st slide is the Project Data Sheet and must contain the following:
 - Project Name
 - Date of Completion
 - Client's Name
 - Builder's Name
 - Building Type
 - Building Area
 - Structural Information
 - Major Materials & Systems
 - Site Features (if appropriate)
 - Project Cost
 - 2nd slide is the Project Summary and must contain the following:
 - Text description describing program requirements and solutions (not to exceed 150 words).
 - For unbuilt projects, please describe how the project was started and what phase the project is in currently (not to exceed 150 words).
 - Summary should maintain anonymity of the firm/architect of record.
 - File must be saved as .ppt or .pptx (no .pdf or alternate format allowed).
 - Site and floor plan drawings must include a north arrow and a graphic scale

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS (cont.)

- Images should not be larger than 300 dpi resolution
 - For adaptive, restoration, or renovation work, provide at least one image of conditions prior to the work;
 - For the 25-Year Building Award, provide at least one image taken within 3 years of the project's original completion date and at least one image taken within the last 12 months showing the project's current status.
- **Separate High-Resolution Image Files & Photography Release:** In your Dropbox folder, please include a separate set of images (up to 8) that may be used for the presentation of awards. Each entry must include a signed Photography Release form. This form is found on page 31. It will also be in your Dropbox folder as a fillable PDF.
- **Project ID Form:** Each project entry must include a fully completed Project ID form, which contains all the information necessary for a certificate, should the project win an award. Please double check all spelling. Your Project ID number is the name of the Dropbox folder assigned to you. This form is found on page 30. It will also be in your Dropbox folder as a fillable PDF.
- **Intern Compensation Disclaimer:** Each entry must include a signed Intern Compensation Disclaimer. This form is found on page 32. It will also be in your Dropbox folder as a fillable PDF.
- **Presentation Boards for Design Awards:** Each entrant shall provide a 24" x 24" x 3/16" thick rigid board (such as gator board or foam core) that has a black or white background and includes information and/or images regarding the project submitted. The boards will be retained by AIA New Mexico for a year to be displayed at AIA New Mexico's elevAte party, and then exhibited at various locations throughout the state, including UNM SA+P. **You may include the name of the firm/architect and the project on the Presentation Boards.** Please arrange drop-off with nmdirector@aianewmexico.org, and deliver the presentation/design boards to the following:

Weekends and Evenings by Hand:

AIA New Mexico
 C/O Valerie Stefani
 3460 Mountainside Pkwy NE
 Albuquerque, NM 87111

Business Hours by Hand / Shipped:

Archis Architects
 C/O Evan Berger, AIA
 4700 Lincoln Rd NE
 Albuquerque NM 87109

- **Self-Nominations:** Self-nomination of awards should be limited only to Design, Performance, and Practice Award categories. You may also self-nominate for Leadership Awards; however AIA New Mexico feels the distinction of the Leadership Awards should also include a letter from another AIA member or AIA Chapter supporting the nomination's dedication to the profession and the community.
- **Other Items:** As described in individual design award criteria.

ENTRY FEES

▪ Design Awards	\$225 per submittal / per award
▪ AIAS / Associate AIA Unbuilt Awards	\$25 per submittal / per award
▪ Performance Awards	\$225 per submittal / per award
▪ Practice Awards	\$125 per submittal / per award
▪ Leadership Awards	\$125 per submittal / per award
○ Patron Award & Award of Distinction submittal is FREE	
▪ Education Awards	\$125 per submittal / per award
▪ EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT	\$50 DISCOUNT per submittal / per award \$15 DISCOUNT for AIAS / Associate AIA Unbuilt Entries per submittal / per award

There will be no refunds, including for technical difficulties during digital upload; late submittals will not be accepted. Should you need technical assistance with your submittal, please contact nmdirector@aianewmexico.org prior to submission deadline.

****AWARD SUBMITTAL INFORMATION****

URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING AWARD (Design Category)

Criteria: Given for significant achievements in the planning, conception, design, and execution of projects at regional and urban scales, which sensitively reinforce historic or existing urban form, connect the internal and surrounding community, exhibit sustainability at a community scale, and respond to context through form and materials.

Awards: Jury may make Honor, Merit, Citation, or Special Recognition Awards.

Submission: Describe the project as required in slide 1 and slide 2. On subsequent slides, provide images and/or comments that further describe the design process to show client and community involvement and acceptance. Address at least two topics in each of the following categories:

- **Urban/Ecological Form:**
 - Response to, or reinforcement of, extant/historical/cultural development patterns.
 - Strategies for the capture, collection, storage, and distribution of renewable resources.
 - Use of material at an urban scale and the relation of this strategy to Place.
 - Siting and orientation in response to climate, extant settlement patterns, and landscape
- **Walkability/Community Connectivity:**
 - Connectivity to existing context and circulation patterns.
 - Accommodations and promotion of pedestrian, cycling, transit, etc.
 - Accommodations of parking (and if it was able to be reduced)
- **Water/Energy/Carbon Reduction:**
 - Ecological stewardship practices on an urban scale.
 - Building scale stewardship practices for renewables.
 - Data on energy, water, and other renewable practices relevant to code requirements.

Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

- Entry Fee submitted to Addmi link by date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Anonymous PowerPoint uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines (**no identifying information on any PowerPoint slide**).
- Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Project ID form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Intern Compensation Disclaimer uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Presentation Boards physically delivered to the address noted above and by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.

25-YEAR AWARD (Design Category)

Criteria: Given to a distinguished work of architecture whose aesthetic statement, craft, and relevance have endured for twenty-five or more years, thus withstanding the test of time.

Awards: Jury may select up to one Award per year.

Eligibility: Open to all types of built projects completed twenty-five or more years ago; one or a group of structures. Project must be in good condition and substantially complete.

Submission: Any AIA member, group of members, or committee may nominate a building for this award. Describe the project as required in slide 1 and slide 2. On subsequent slides, provide images or data that show how the project has contributed to the profession or the community it is serving and why it is deserving of recognition from the perspective of a quarter-century. In addition to the PowerPoint, please provide the following:

Nomination Letter:

- Summarizing the significance of the project.
- Verification of the project's age.
- List of project contributors – including architect, client, contractor, consultants, and others making significant contributions.
- Supplemental information or testimony to document the project's significance.
- Project data, if known.
- Explanation of any known modifications to the original project.
- Limit of two pages.

Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

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- Anonymous PowerPoint uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines (**no identifying information on any PowerPoint slide**).
- Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Nomination Letter uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedules/Deadlines.
- Project ID Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Intern Compensation Disclaimer uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Presentation Boards physically delivered to the address noted above and by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.

DISTINGUISHED ARCHITECTURE AWARD (Design Category)

Criteria: Given for significant achievements in the planning, conception, design, and execution of projects that exhibit values esteemed in New Mexico: sense of place; response to culture and climate; energy consumption and projected climate change; ecological stewardship; materiality; and design quality among others.

Awards: Jury may make Honor, Merit, Citation, or Special Recognition Awards.

Submission: Describe the project as required in slide 1 and slide 2. On subsequent slides, provide images and/or comments that elucidate the project and its value. Address at least two topics in each of the following categories:

- **Architecture:**
 - Overall design concept.
 - Articulation of the formal architectural language.
 - Architectural embodiment of Place.
 - Conditions and characteristics of the site and their influence on orientation and site design.
- **Materiality & Craft:**
 - Innovative use of materials and/or design strategies that amplify the properties of materials or reinforce Place.
 - Use of locally-sourced, low carbon materials and/or how materials used relate to the landscape and Place.
 - Treatment of materials with respect to climate and use that create a narrative of weathering/aging.
 - Explanation of how fabrication, assembly, or construction were formative in the architectural language.
- **Sustainability:**
 - Ecological stewardship practices.
 - Renewable energy strategies.
 - Water conservation strategies.
 - Social responsibility strategies.
 - Addressing future climatic impacts (drought, urban heat island, flooding, etc.).

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- Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Project ID Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Intern Compensation Disclaimer uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Presentation Boards physically delivered to the address noted above and by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE AWARD (Design Category)

Criteria: Given for significant achievements in the planning, conception, design, and execution of interior projects that exhibit values esteemed in New Mexico: sense of place, design quality, materiality, cultural relevance, and stewardship.

Awards: Jury may make Honor, Merit, Citation, or Special Recognition Awards.

Submission: Describe the project as required in slide 1 and slide 2. On subsequent slides, provide images and/or comments that elucidate the project and its values. Address at least two topics in each of the following categories:

- **Architecture:**
 - Overall design concept.
 - Articulation of the formal architectural language.
 - Architectural embodiment of functional and technical requirements.
 - Response to and embodiment of Place.
 - Natural and artificial lighting concept and implementation.
- **Materiality & Craft:**
 - Innovative use of materials and/or design strategies that amplify the properties of materials.
 - Use of locally-sourced materials or materials that evoke Place.
 - Demonstration of how furniture, fixtures, equipment, and systems support the design concept.
 - Explanation of how fabrication, assembly, or construction were formative in the architectural language.
- **Sustainability:**
 - Ecological stewardship practices.
 - Renewable energy strategies.
 - Water conservation strategies.
 - Social responsibility practices.

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- Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Project ID Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Intern Compensation Disclaimer uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Presentation Boards physically delivered to the address noted above and by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.

COMPONENT ARCHITECTURE AWARD (Design Category)

Criteria: Given for building insertions, site installations, furniture, light fixtures, urban kiosks, shade structures, and other components, either stand-alone or in response to a specific context or place, that demonstrates design excellence in an element of limited size.

Awards: Jury may make Honor, Merit, Citation, or Special Recognition Awards.

Submission: Describe the project as required in slide 1 and slide 2. On subsequent slides, provide images and/or comments that elucidate the project and its values. Address at least two topics in each of the following categories:

- **Design:**
 - Articulation of the formal architectural language.
 - Architectural embodiment of functions and technical requirements.
 - Response to and embodiment of Place.
 - Conditions and characteristics of the site and their influence on orientation and site design.
- **Materiality & Craft:**
 - Innovative use of materials and/or design strategies to enhance material properties.
 - Use of locally-sourced materials and/or how materials used relate to the landscape or Place.
 - Treatment of materials with respect to climate and use that create a narrative of weathering and aging.
 - Description of how fabrication and assembly were formative in the design language.
- **Sustainability:**
 - Ecological stewardship practices.
 - Renewable energy strategies.
 - Water conservation strategies.
 - Social Responsibility Strategies.

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- Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Project ID Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Intern Compensation Disclaimer uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Presentation Boards physically delivered to the address noted above and by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.

UNBUILT DESIGN AWARD (Design Category)

Criteria: Given for important achievements in the execution of commissioned projects that were intended for construction but remain unrealized, including competition entries and urban design. Unbuilt designs created by AIAS or Associate AIA Members are eligible.

Awards: Jury may make Honor, Merit, Citation, or Special Recognition Awards.

Submission: Describe the project as required in slide 1 and slide 2. Include a brief description (it can be on slide 1, slide 2 or any other slide), summation on why the project is un-built and if there are plans and/or a timeline to have it constructed. On subsequent slides, provide images and/or comments that elucidate the project and its values. Address at least two topics in each of the following categories:

- **Design:**
 - Articulation of the formal architectural language.
 - Architectural embodiment of functions and technical requirements.
 - Response to and embodiment of Place.
 - Conditions and characteristics of the site and their influence on orientation and site design.
- **Materiality & Craft:**
 - Innovative use of materials and/or design strategies to enhance material properties.
 - Use of locally-sourced materials and/or how materials used relate to the landscape or Place.
 - Treatment of materials with respect to climate and use that create a narrative of weathering and aging.
 - Description of how fabrication and assembly would have been formative in the design language.
- **Sustainability:**
 - Ecological stewardship practices.
 - Renewable energy strategies.
 - Water conservation strategies.
 - Social Responsibility Strategies.

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- Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Project ID Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Intern Compensation Disclaimer uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
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SUSTAINABLE & RESILIENCY DESIGN AWARD (Performance Category)

Criteria: Given for significant achievements and innovations that advance a post-carbon world, through environmental balance, healthy spaces, and energy, water, material and resource conservation and that exhibit values esteemed in New Mexico: sense of place; response to culture and climate; energy consumption and projected climate change; ecological stewardship; materiality; and design quality among others.

Awards: Jury may make Honor, Merit, Citation, or Special Recognition Awards.

Submission: Describe the project as required in slide 1 and slide 2. On subsequent slides, provide images and/or comments that elucidate the project and its value. Address at least two topics in each of the following categories:

- **Sustainability Features**
 - Innovation and Efficiency: Contributions to environmental balance, energy efficiency, appropriate land use, minimal ecological impact, reuse of existing buildings, resource conservation, and use of non-renewable resources.
 - Transferability of concepts.
 - Integration of systems and strategies into architectural language.
 - Use of architectural/engineering design elements.
 - Social responsibility strategies.
- **Resiliency Features**
 - Adaptability to natural and human-cause hazards, climate change and the degradation of natural resources that challenge the integrity of buildings.
 - Acknowledges flexibility for changing conditions in the physical, economic and social environment.
 - Mitigates unknown risks and vulnerabilities.
 - Explanation of how materiality, fabrication, assembly, or construction were formative in creating durable building envelopes.
 - Balances first costs and long-term value over the intended service life.
- **Architecture 2030 Building Energy Use**
 - Explanation of reduced building energy demand.
 - Expanded explanation of passive design strategies – solar heating, cooling, shading, ventilation, daylighting, etc. Use text and diagrams to describe actual architectural integration and function of sustainable design strategies.
 - Building energy use data:
 - Reduced energy demand.
 - Passive design strategies.
 - Performance simulation – Submit the results of a building energy model (Sefaira, Insight 360, or other) in BTU/ft²/year with a comparison to a baseline for the building. Simulation shall use the ZeroTool to find the base line (zerotool.org).
 - EUI data – Submit the results of actual building energy usage for buildings occupied over 12 months.

SUSTAINABLE & RESILIENCE DESIGN AWARD (cont.)

Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

- Entry Fee submitted to Addmi link by date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Anonymous PowerPoint uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines (**no identifying information on any PowerPoint slide**).
- Building energy use documentation including performance simulation results or report of EUI data for occupied buildings.
- Spreadsheet showing baseline comparison for Architecture 2030 Energy criterion.
- Diagrams documenting sustainable design techniques (solar, natural ventilation, water harvesting, shading, daylighting, etc).
- Expanded narrative describing a holistic approach process in which integration between environmental issues and design concept is pursued together.
- Project ID Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Intern Compensation Disclaimer uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Presentation Boards physically delivered to the address noted above and by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.

FIRM OF THE YEAR AWARD (Practice Category)

Criteria: Given for continuing collaboration in a firm that has produced distinguished architecture over ten or more years, and has made significant contributions to the Institute, the profession, and/or the community.

Awards: Jury may select up to one recipient per year.

Eligibility: Any firm in which the principal/s are AIA New Mexico members – OR – AIA firms which have a main, or founding office, within New Mexico – AND – firms that can demonstrate a history of producing distinguished architecture for at least ten (10) years.

Nomination: Any AIA member (including Allied and Associate), group of members, or committee headed by a member may make the nomination.

Submission: Provide the following information:

- Provide the “Firm of the Year Nomination Form” with signatures of at least ten (10) AIA New Mexico members in good standing. See page 26.
- Provide a nominating letter that summarizes the significance of the nominee, including how these contributions have benefitted the profession, community, and Institute. (limit two pages).
- Provide a brief history of the firm along with a biography of firm principals. (limit two pages).
- Supporting information, including any exhibits or other information that support or display the nominee’s achievements and document the nominee’s significance over time. These may include photographs, drawings, or graphics. Not to exceed twenty (20) sheets or pages.

Past Recipients:	2023 McClain + Yu Architecture & Design
	2021 Atkin Olshin Schade Architects
	2020 Studio Southwest Architects
	2019 Baker A+D
	2018 SMPC Architects
	2015 RMKM Architects
	2011 Spears Architects
	2005 Dekker/Perich/Sabatini
	1995 Holmes Sabatini Associates

Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

- Entry Fee submitted to Addmi link by date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Submission Information, including nominating form, nominating letter, firm history, and images or other supporting information.
- Digital Submittal uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Intern Compensation Disclaimer uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.

EMERGING PROFESSIONAL (EP) FRIENDLY FIRM AWARD (Practice Category)

Criteria: Given to a firm that creates encouraging environments and professional development opportunities for Emerging Professionals. Emerging Professionals include architecture students enrolled in a professional degree program, recent graduates, licensure candidates, and architects who received their license within the last ten years (also known as Young Architects).

Awards: Jury may select any number of recipients per year. Past recipients may be awarded again.

Eligibility: Any firm in which the principal/s are AIA New Mexico members – OR – AIA firms which have a main, or founding office, within New Mexico.

Nomination: Anyone working within the nominated firm. Requires participation by one Principal and one Emerging Professional.

Submission: Provide the following information:

- Provide the Nomination Form. See page 32.
- Provide a nominating letter that summarizes the efforts of the nominated firm, including how these contributions have benefitted the Emerging Professionals within the organization (two pages maximum).
- Perform two self-evaluations with the criteria on the EP Friendly Firm Assessment Criteria Form. One self-evaluation form must be completed by a principal or a group of principals, and the other form must be completed by an Emerging Professional or a group of Emerging Professionals. Only two forms can be uploaded. See page 33.
- Additional Letters of Support from firm representatives (optional; two maximum; two pages maximum each)
- At least one high-resolution image that represents the firm: to be used if the firm wins an award.

Recipients:

2025	CSR Architects Dekker
2024	MASS Design Group Page Southerland Page, Inc
2023	Verdacity, LLC Mullen Heller Architecture PC

Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

- Entry Fee submitted to Addmi link by date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Submission Information, including nominating form, nominating letter, other supporting information.
- Two self-evaluation forms, one form completed by a principal or a group of principals, and the other form completed by an Emerging Professional or a group of Emerging Professionals. Only two self-evaluation forms can be uploaded.
- At least one high-resolution image
- Digital Submittal uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Intern Compensation Disclaimer uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.

CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD (Practice Category)

Criteria: Given to individuals or firms that realize design intent in the physical matter through craft, fabrication, assembly, teamwork, and commitment to the art of architecture.

Award: Jury may select up to one recipient per year.

Eligibility: Individuals and/or firms who are duly licensed in the state of New Mexico as Contractors.

Nomination: Any AIA member, group of members, or committee headed by a member may make the nomination.

Submission: Provide the following information:

- Provide a nominating letter that summarizes the significance of the nominee, including career contributions to quality construction and construction practices, innovations in technology and project delivery, and exemplary coordination, collaboration, and commitment to high standards of work. (Limit of two pages)
- Supporting information, including any exhibits or other information that support or display the nominee's achievements and may include photographs, drawings, or graphics. Not to exceed fifteen (15) sheets or pages.
- A maximum of three (3) letters of support, explicit in their recommendation with specific reasons addressing the criteria.

Past Recipients: 2018 Bradbury Stamm Construction

Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

- Entry Fee submitted to Addmi link by date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Submission Information, including nominating letter, supporting information, and (3) letters of support.
- Digital Submittal uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.

CONSULTANT AWARD (Practice Category)

Criteria: Given to consulting individuals or firms that make a significant contribution to the development and realization of good design through innovation, technology, teamwork, collaboration, and commitment to improving the quality of the built environment.

Award: Jury may select up to one recipient per year.

Eligibility: Individual and/or firms from professional fields practicing primarily in consultation with architects, such as civil, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, or structural engineers; surveyors; landscape architects; planners and urban designers; graphic and/or interior designers; and sustainability, specification, and/or PR consultants.

Nomination: Any AIA member, group of members, or committee headed by a member may make the nomination.

Submission: Provide the following information:

- Provide a nominating letter (not to exceed 900 words) that summarizes the significance of the nominee, including career contributions to design quality, innovations in practice technologies, consistency and quality of work, and collaboration skills.
- Supporting information, including any exhibits or other information that support or display the nominee's achievements and may include photographs, drawings, or graphics. Not to exceed fifteen sheets or pages.

Past Recipients:
2024 Luchini Trujillo Structural Engineers
2017 Verdacity, LLC

Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

- Entry Fee submitted to Addmi link by date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Submission Information, including nominating letter and supporting information.
- Digital Submittal uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.

NEW MEXICO ARCHITECTS MEDAL (Leadership Category)

Criteria: Bestowed upon members who have advanced the practice of architecture, this award recognizes their outstanding professional achievements and sense of social responsibility. The nominee's achievements must be viewed as an advancement of the professional and the socially responsible role that architecture must perform within the greater community. Each nominee's work and career will be evaluated with special regard to professional and social integrity and judged based upon their devotion to the art and draft of architecture, design integrity, and desire to better the physical environment. Nominees may be considered upon the basis of notable career accomplishments or upon the basis of a single outstanding achievement.

Awards: Jury may award multiple per year.

Eligibility: AIA members, including Associate members, in good standing. Previous recipients and Fellows of the Institute are not eligible.

Nomination: Any AIA member, group of members, or committee headed by a member may make the nomination.

Submission: Provide the following information:

- Provide the "New Mexico Architects Medal Nomination Form". See page 27.
- Provide the following submission information in digital format (total cannot exceed twenty-five (25) pages):
 - Executive Summary (limit one page).
 - Summary Statement of nominees' achievements – AND – Digest of Nominee's Achievements describing how the nominee's achievements have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession and the social responsibility the architect must perform within the greater community. The nominee's work and career will be evaluated with special regard to professional and social integrity. (limit two pages).
 - Nominee's Profile/Biographical Data Sheet listing firm positions, professional affiliations, community services, professional service, honors, etc. (limit 3 pages).
 - Supporting Information, including any exhibits or other information that support or display the nominee's achievements.
- Head shot of the nominee (300 dpi minimum)
- Optional: letters of support (two maximum, two pages each maximum)

Past Recipients:	2025	Patricia Hancock, AIA	2004	John Padilla, AIA
	2023	Steven Alano, AIA	2004	William Burns, AIA
		James Horn, AIA	2003	Glenn Fellows, FAIA
	2022	Lee Gamelsky, AIA		Robert Krueger, AIA
	2019	Stephen Williams, AIA	2002	Marjorie Hooker, AIA
	2018	Barbara Felix, AIA	2001	Bill Waters, AIA
	2015	Patrick McMurray, AIA		Don Stevens, AIA
	2013	Allan T. Baer, AIA	2000	C. Robert Campbell, FAIA
	2011	Tina Marie Reames, AIA		Beverley Spears, FAIA
	2009	Robert G. Mallory, AIA		Louis Weller, FAIA
	2007	Richard M. Haas, AIA		
	2005	Annelle Darby, AIA		
		Elizabeth Ellis, AIA		

NEW MEXICO ARCHITECTS MEDAL (cont.)

Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

- Entry Fee submitted to Addmi link by date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Submission, including Nomination Form, written submittal (25 pages maximum), and head shot.
- Digital Submittal uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Intern Compensation Disclaimer uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.

NEW MEXICO LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (Leadership Category)

Criteria: Bestowed upon members who have advanced the practice of architecture and recognizes the members outstanding professional achievements and sense of social responsibility.

Awards: Jury may select up to one recipient per year.

Eligibility: AIA members licensed in New Mexico and who have had a distinguished career and recognition by and within the larger New Mexico architectural community. Nominees must practice within the state. Nominee's achievements must be viewed as an advancement of the profession and the socially responsible role that architecture must perform within the greater community. Each nominee's work and career will be evaluated with special regard to professional and social integrity. Longevity, popularity, or diligence alone do not qualify a candidate for nomination.

Nomination: AIA local or state components may nominate a member for this award. Any AIA member, group of members, or committee headed by a member may make a nomination.

Submission: Provide the following information:

- The nominating component must provide a nomination letter signed by the component president. (limit two pages).
- Nominee's curriculum vitae (CV)
- Optional: letters of support (two maximum, two pages each maximum)
- Head shot of the nominee (300 dpi minimum)

Past Recipients:	2024 Ed Mazria, FAIA	2013 Terrance J. Brown, FAIA
	2023 Beverley Spears, FAIA	2009 Don P. Schlegel, FAIA
	2022 Jon Anderson, FAIA	2007 Van Dorn Hooker, FAIA
	2021 Edith Cherry, FAIA	2006 C. Robert Campbell, FAIA
	2019 Glenn Fellows, FAIA	2005 Antoine Predock, FAIA
	2017 Roger Schluntz, FAIA	Bart Prince, AIA

Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

- Entry Fee submitted to Addmi link by date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Submission Information, including nominating letter, CV, and head shot.
- Digital Submittal uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Intern Compensation Disclaimer uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.
- Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.

ASSOCIATE AWARD (Leadership Category)

Criteria: Given to Associate members who display exceptional dedication to the community and built environment through service to the community, to the AIA, and in the quality of work performed professionally.

Awards: Jury may select multiple in one year.

Eligibility: Associate member in the state of New Mexico in good standing.

Nomination: Any AIA member, group of members, or committee headed by a member may make the nomination.

Submission: Provide the following information:

- Nomination letter that summarizes the significance of the nominee and their contribution to the larger architectural community and profession. (limited to one page)
- Brief biography or curriculum vitae (CV) emphasizing community services, service to the profession, and the person's practice contributions to at least one professional construction project. (limited to two pages)
- Supporting information, including but not limited to, photographs, documents, or other information that illustrate the relevant accomplishments. (limited to five pages).
- Maximum of three (3) letters of support, explicit in their recommendations with specific reasons addressing the criteria. Letters must state relevant project names, completion dates, and nominee's responsibility if applicable.
- Head shot of the nominee (300 dpi minimum)

Past Recipients:	2025 Ifreet Rahima, Assoc. AIA
	2024 Huang Banh, Assoc. AIA
	2023 Ke Vaughn Harding, Assoc. AIA Dillon Romero, Assoc. AIA
	2022 Alex Nellos, Assoc. AIA
	2020 Evan Berger, Assoc. AIA
	2019 Rachel Preston Prinz, Assoc. AIA Geraldene Blackgoat, Assoc. AIA
	2017 Ashley Hartshorn, Assoc. AIA

Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

- Entry Fee submitted to Addmi link by date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Submission Information, including nomination letter, biography, supporting information, and (3) letters of support, and head shot.
- Digital Submittal uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.

YOUNG ARCHITECT AWARD (Leadership Category)

Criteria: Given to Young Architect members who show exceptional leadership in community service, education, design, and/or service to the profession.

Awards: Jury may award multiple in one year.

Eligibility: AIA New Mexico member in good standing, registered for ten (10) years or less.

Nomination: Any AIA member, group of members, or committee headed by a member may make the nomination.

Submission: Provide the following information:

- Nomination letter that summarizes the significance of the nominee and their contribution to the larger architectural community and profession. (limited to one page)
- Brief biography or curriculum vitae (CV) emphasizing community services, service to the profession, and leadership contributions. (limited to two pages)
- Supporting information, including but not limited to, photographs, documents, or other information that illustrate the relevant accomplishments. (limited to five pages).
- Maximum of three (3) letters of support, explicit in their recommendations with specific reasons addressing the criteria. Letters must state relevant project names, completion dates, and nominee's responsibility if applicable.
- Head shot of the nominee (300 dpi minimum)

Past Recipients:

2025	Donna Marion, AIA
2024	Efrén López, AIA
2021	Tamarah Begay, AIA
2020	Ashley Hartshorn, AIA
2018	Jennifer Penner, AIA
2017	Shiree McKenzie, AIA Steven J. Alano, AIA

Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

- Entry Fee submitted to Addmi link by date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Submission Information, including nomination letter, biography, supporting information, and (3) letters of support, and head shot.
- Digital Submittal uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
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DISTINGUISHED CLIENT AWARD (Leadership Category)

Criteria: Given to a client (individual, company, or public institution) that makes a significant contribution to the quality of the built environment by underwriting, encouraging, and supporting good design.

Awards: Jury may award multiple in one year.

Eligibility: Individual firms, or institutions that have commissioned architectural design in New Mexico of any nature, including urban or site planning, the design of buildings or groups of buildings, landscapes, or interiors.

Nomination: Any AIA member, group of members, or committee headed by a member may make the nomination.

Submission: Provide the following information:

- Nomination letter that summarizes the significance of the nominee and their contribution to the larger architectural community and profession. (limited to one page)
- Brief biography or curriculum vitae (CV) emphasizing the nominee's relevant contributions. (limited to two pages)
- Supporting information, including but not limited to, photographs, documents, or other information that illustrate the relevant accomplishments. (limited to five pages).
- Head shot of the nominee (300 dpi minimum), if relevant.

Past Recipients: 2025 Central NM Community College (CNM)

2022 City of Rio Rancho

2019 Albuquerque Public Schools Facilities Design & Construction

2018 Norman Becker, New Mexico Mutual

2017 La Fonda on the Plaza

Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

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COMMUNITY DESIGN AWARD (Leadership Category)

Criteria: Given to an individual for a practice that includes and empowers a community in the conception, design, development, and/or realization of the built environment.

Awards: Jury may award multiple in one year.

Eligibility: Individuals, including non-architects, firms or institutions that have made significant efforts to involve and empower a community in the conception, design, and development of a building, garden, park, or other component of the built environment, whether or not the project was actually built.

Nomination: Any AIA member, group of members, or committee headed by a member may make the nomination.

Submission: Provide the following information:

- Nomination letter that summarizes the significance of the nominee and their contribution to the larger architectural community and profession. (limited to one page)
- Brief biography or curriculum vitae (CV) emphasizing the nominee's relevant contributions (limited to two pages)
- Supporting information, including but not limited to, photographs, documents, or other information that illustrate the relevant accomplishments. (limited to five pages).
- Head shot of the nominee (300 dpi minimum)

Past

Recipients: 2019: The Food Depot

Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

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- ___ Submission Information, including nomination letter, biography, supporting information, and head shot.
- ___ Digital Submittal uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- ___ Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- ___ Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.

AWARD OF DISTINCTION (Leadership Category – entry is FREE)

Criteria: Given to non-AIA members and organizations that have contributed to a better understanding and awareness of architecture in the state of New Mexico, including through design advocacy in political, educational, or institutional domains.

Awards: Jury may award multiple in one year.

Eligibility: Any person, program, or organization that has contributed to the profession of architecture but is not an architect or architectural educator.

Nomination: Any AIA member, group of members, or committee headed by a member may make the nomination.

Submission: Provide the following information:

- Nomination letter that summarizes the significance of the nominee and their contribution to architectural awareness (limited to one page).
- Brief biography or curriculum vitae (CV) including a list of relevant offices, positions, honors, publications, and activities (limited to three pages).
- Supporting information, including but not limited to, photographs, documents, or other information. (limited to five pages).
- Maximum of three (3) letters of support, explicit in their recommendations with specific reasons addressing the criteria for why this nomination is being made (optional).
- Head shot of the nominee (300 dpi minimum)

Past Recipients:
2024 Jen Fenstermacher
2023 Anne Taylor, Hon. AIA
2017 Jean Gibson

Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

- Submission Information, including nomination letter, CV, supporting information, and optional letters of support, and head shot.
- Digital Submittal uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Photography Release Form uploaded to Dropbox with your submittal.

PATRON AWARD (Leadership Category – entry is FREE)

Criteria: Given to elected officials, public administrators, or community leaders who contribute to the development of laws, regulations, or policies that affect architecture or the public's perception of architecture, as an important part of our environment, life-style, heritage, and culture. Included is advocacy for design excellence in such policies and work to nurture the evolution of public perception and appreciation for design quality.

Awards: Jury may award multiple in one year.

Eligibility: Public officials, organizations, or individuals (including non-architects) who, by their advocacy, have furthered the public's awareness and/or appreciation of design excellence in architecture and promoted quality of design.

Nomination: Any AIA member, group of members, or committee headed by a member may make the nomination.

Submission: Provide the following information:

- Nomination letter that summarizes the significance of the nominee and their contribution to the larger architectural community and profession. (limited to one page)
- Brief biography or curriculum vitae (CV) emphasizing the nominee's relevant contributions (limited to two pages)
- Supporting information, including but not limited to, photographs, documents, or other information that illustrate the relevant accomplishments. (limited to five pages).
- Head shot of the nominee (300 dpi minimum).

Past

Recipients: 2020: Dean Smith, Director of the Public Library of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County

Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

- Entry Fee submitted to Addmi link by date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Submission Information, including nomination letter, biography, supporting information, and head shot.
- Digital Submittal uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
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EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD (Education Category)

Criteria: Given to educators who over a career demonstrate excellence in architectural education, advance the art and science of teaching design, practice, or technical knowledge, and who transmit to future generations a love of design and a passion for the discipline.

Awards: Jury may select up to one award per year.

Eligibility: Educators from public or private academic institutions, whether in primary, secondary, or collegiate programs, who work in institutions within the state of New Mexico.

Nomination: Any AIA member, group of members, or committee headed by a member may make the nomination.

Submission: Provide the following information:

- Nomination letter (limited to two pages) that summarizes the significance of the nominee, specifically as it relates to:
 - Advancement of architectural education;
 - Relevance of the work to the practice of architecture and the quality of the built environment;
 - Demonstrates the link between the nominee's intentions and the work's results;
 - Shows transferability of the work to other instructional settings.
- Brief biography or curriculum vitae (CV) emphasizing the nominee's relevant contributions (limited to two pages)
- Supporting information, including but not limited to, photographs, documents, or other information that illustrate the relevant accomplishments. (limited to five pages).
- Head shot of the nominee (300 dpi minimum), if relevant.
- Three (3) letters of support, explicit in their recommendations with specific reasons addressing the criteria of why this nominee is being supported.

Past Recipients:	2025 Christine Williams, AIA 2024 Francisco Uviña-Contreras 2022 Geoffrey C Adams 2021 Kristina Yu, AIA 2017 Stephen Mora, AIA
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Checklist: The following must be included for this submittal:

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- Submission Information, including nomination letter, biography, supporting information, and head shot.
- Digital Submittal uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
- Separate high-resolution images uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.
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Project Identification Form

This form is for AIA NM records and will not be shared with the juries.
We want to be sure to properly credit your project if it is honored with an award.

Please double check all information and spellings, as the names credited on a slideshow or certificate will appear EXACTLY as they appear here.

Project ID Number (Dropbox folder title): _____

Project Name: _____

Architect or Firm: _____

Contractor or Builder (if applicable): _____

Client or Owner (if applicable): _____

I have checked to ensure the information on this form appears exactly as it should on a certificate.

Signature: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Primary Contact Email: _____

Address to mail certificate (if necessary): _____

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Firm or Architect's Name

Signature

Date

INTERN COMPENSATION DISCLAIMER FORM

At a National AIA Board of Directors meeting on May 3-4, 1995, the following policy was adopted:

“Any architect desiring to promote or be promoted by the AIA through awards programs, publications, speaking engagements, elected or appointed office, or admission to Fellowship, must declare that they themselves and/or their firm does not employ unpaid intern architects in their professional practice.”

AIA New Mexico has subsequently adopted the following in support of AIA National:

Any architect desiring to promote or be promoted by AIA New Mexico through awards programs, publications, speaking engagements, elected or appointed office, or admission to Fellowship, must declare that they themselves and/or their firm does not employ unpaid interns in their professional practice.

All award applicants must sign the following statement when making an AIA New Mexico Design Award Submission:

I declare that I do not employ unpaid interns, nor does any firm for which I am an owner or manager.

Firm or Architect's Name

AIA Number

Signature

Date

FIRM OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: _____
Name _____

Component
Nominator: AIA Chapter _____
Name of Chapter President or Secretary _____

Signature _____ Date _____

OR the signature of at least ten (10) AIA New Mexico members in good standing.

Member Signature _____ AIA Number _____

NEW MEXICO ARCHITECTS MEDAL NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: _____
Name _____

Email _____

Nominee's Assigned AIA Chapter _____

Date Nominee Became AIA Member _____

Member
Nominator: _____
Name _____

Email _____

Nominator's Assigned AIA Chapter _____

Date Nominator Became AIA Member _____

Signature _____

Date _____

OR, the nominee can be nominated by a chapter or component.

Component
Nominator: _____
AIA Chapter _____

Name of Chapter President or Secretary _____

Signature _____

Date _____

EMERGING PROFESSIONAL FRIENDLY FIRM NOMINATION FORM

This form is for AIA NM records and will not be shared with the jury.

This form must be completed by at least two firm representatives, which must include one Principal and one Emerging Professional at the nominated firm. This form must be uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.

Please spell out your firm name exactly as it should appear on a certificate, should your firm receive an award.

Firm Name: _____

Nominator: _____ Role (indicate one): Principal / Emerging Professional

Length of Time at Nominated Firm: _____

Licensure Status (indicate one):

Student / Recent Graduate / Licensure Candidate / Licensed within ten years / Licensed for more than ten years

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominator: _____ Role (indicate one): Principal / Emerging Professional

Length of Time at Nominated Firm: _____

Licensure Status (indicate one):

Student / Recent Graduate / Licensure Candidate / Licensed within ten years / Licensed for more than ten years

Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR PRINCIPALS ONLY:

Total number of employees at firm: _____

Total number of Emerging Professionals at firm: _____

Percentage of Emerging Professionals at firm: _____

EMERGING PROFESSIONAL FRIENDLY FIRM SELF-ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Two self-evaluation forms must be completed by two different firm representatives: one form by a principal or a group of principals, and the other form by an Emerging Professional or a group of Emerging Professionals employed at the nominated firm. Both versions must be uploaded to Dropbox by the date/time shown in the Schedule/Deadlines.

Nominator's Role (indicate one): Principal(s) / Emerging Professional(s)

Length of Time at Nominated Firm (if group, average): _____

Licensure Status (circle all that apply):

Student / Recent Graduate / Licensure Candidate / Licensed within ten years / Licensed for more than ten years

Rate your firm according to the numbers provided:

5 means "strongly agree" or "always." 0 means "strongly disagree" or "never."

Category 1: Architectural Licensure		Section Total: _____
Criteria	Rating	
All licensure-eligible Architectural Emerging Professionals are encouraged to establish an NCARB Record and are registered with the Architectural Experience Program (AXP®).	0 1 2 3 4 5	
Licensed Architects mentor emerging professionals (within or outside of the firm) in all areas of practice.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
All AXP® supervisors and mentors in our firm verify that all records are accurate before signing each emerging professional's experience report.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
All AXP® supervisors and mentors in our firm have knowledge of current AXP® Guidelines and the requirements for registration in the jurisdiction.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
Our firm provides opportunities (either the time for or the actual opportunity) for supplemental experience in addition to emerging professionals' routine work assignments.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
Our firm facilitates accumulating AXP® experience hours in all areas through exposure to projects at various stages.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
Our firm provides emerging professionals specific paid time off to take each ARE® division.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
Our firm provides administrative and technical support for the ARE®, including furnishing of resources, study materials, and practice exams.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
Our firm publicly recognizes newly licensed architects upon successful completion of the ARE® and fulfillment of state requirements.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
Our firm policy includes reimbursing Emerging Professionals a minimum of 50% of the cost for ARE® testing OR offers a bonus compensation for ARE® completion.	0 1 2 3 4 5	
Emerging Professionals at our firm are regularly logging their AXP hours and completing within a reasonable amount of time (New Mexico Average of completion is 4.6 years).	0 1 2 3 4 5	
Our firm encourages Licensure Candidates to complete the ARE® within a reasonable amount of time (New Mexico Average of Completion is 1 year, however, national average is 2.7 years)	0 1 2 3 4 5	
Our firm policy includes reimbursing NCARB record dues (This does not include NCARB Certificate Fees).	0 1 2 3 4 5	
Our firm policy includes reimbursing license renewal fees.	0 1 2 3 4 5	

Category 2: Leadership & Professional Development
Section Total: _____

Criteria	Rating
Our firm encourages Emerging Professionals to be involved in a committee and/or professional affiliation within or outside of the firm.	0 1 2 3 4 5
Our firm engages Emerging Professionals in the entire project duration from conception through completion and provides a broad range of responsibilities and challenges.	0 1 2 3 4 5
Our firm supports our AXP® supervisors and mentors to effectively lead the development of Emerging Professional skills and talents.	0 1 2 3 4 5
Our firm includes Emerging Professionals in all areas of the firm's practice management such as presentations, client meetings, consultant coordination meetings, job site meetings, code reviews, etc.	0 1 2 3 4 5
Our firm provides opportunities for team building and training sessions to build staff morale and better facilitate corporation and teamwork for all emerging professionals within the firm.	0 1 2 3 4 5
Our firm sponsors leadership development for Emerging Professionals through coaching and education (i.e., sponsoring a scholar for the Christopher Kelley Leadership Development Program)	0 1 2 3 4 5
Our firm provides reimbursement for nondominant organization dues including but not limited to NOMA or Green Building.	0 1 2 3 4 5
Our firm supports and encourages community involvement for Emerging Professionals and provides flexible scheduling for community volunteer work.	0 1 2 3 4 5

Category 3: Support
Section Total: _____

Criteria	Rating
Our firm compensates Emerging Professionals fairly and generously, recognizing their completion of a professional degree in architecture and professional experience.	0 1 2 3 4 5
Our firm provides flexible scheduling, recognizing the importance of work/life balance.	0 1 2 3 4 5
Our firm provides reimbursement and/or leave to attend continued education seminars and conferences.	0 1 2 3 4 5
Our firm pays at least a minimum of 50% of EP dues for professional organizations such as the American Institute of Architects (AIA).	0 1 2 3 4 5
Our firm provides emerging professionals with an annual and comprehensive review.	0 1 2 3 4 5
Our firm provides opportunities for career growth and advancement from within.	0 1 2 3 4 5

Category 4: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
Section Total: _____

Criteria	Rating
EPs in our firm are encouraged to speak up when they see an opportunity for change and leadership acknowledges their suggestions.	0 1 2 3 4 5
I see underrepresented firm leaders around me (differences in race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexuality, religion, ability, socioeconomic status, culture, age, and/or livelihood, etc.), either in my own firm or in the consultants we choose to work with.	0 1 2 3 4 5
My firm has an EDI committee / policy to openly talk about different needs.	0 1 2 3 4 5
My firm has an inclusive, flexible scheduling for holiday time off (i.e. considering all religions and cultures).	0 1 2 3 4 5
My firm has a transparent salary structure which is comparable to the AIA Compensation Report either by policy or culture.	0 1 2 3 4 5
Our firm supports and hires new graduates.	0 1 2 3 4 5
Our firm provides paid parental leave (both maternity and paternity).	0 1 2 3 4 5
Our firm provides accommodation for new parents including but not limited to lactation room(s) or daycare services/subsidies	0 1 2 3 4 5

Category 1 Total: _____

Category 2 Total: _____

Category 3 Total: _____

Category 4 Total: _____

OVERALL TOTAL: _____

For Principal(s):

Emerging Professionals represent _____% of the firm's total employee population.