



ARCHITECTURE FIRM OF THE YEAR

ABOUT

The Architecture Firm of the Year Award is bestowed upon a firm whose passion and practice has produced notable architecture and contributions to society for at least a decade and has furthered the objectives of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). Architecture Firm of the Year recipients are consistent with a visible commitment to AIA's Values:

- Architecture that strengthens our communities
- Building economic opportunities for architecture firms and architects
- Investing in the future of the profession and society
- A focus on sustainability in the firm's projects, especially the impact of climate change through the built environment
- Equity, diversity, inclusion and human rights in the profession and the built environment

ELIGIBILITY

This award is open to a firm of any size located in Georgia, or the Georgia office of a firm with multiple locations, whether an individual or an organization of architects, in which the continuing collaboration among individuals of the firm, or successor firm, has resulted in the consistent production of distinguished architecture and professionalism for a period of at least ten years from the Georgia office. In the rare occasions where multiple firms have a formal, long term collaboration agreement in place, the jury will be open to a joint application.

CRITERIA

Candidates will be evaluated based on information submitted as it relates to two or more of the following:

- the firm shall have been widely recognized and known for the consistent quality of its design and the Georgia community(s) in which it practices shall know the firm for its contributions.
- the firm shall be known for its contribution to the profession at the local, state, regional or national levels through the engagement and participation of its people in AIA activities and leadership, and/or in the following affiliated organizations: Architecture Design Center, Architecture Foundation of Georgia, The Spike Studio, or the National Organization of Minority Architects.
- the firm's work shall be a product of a collaborative environment that has consistently directed itself toward the future as well as being respectful of the past.
- the firm shall have evidenced the nurturing and mentoring of the next generation of architects.
- the firm shall have demonstrated an exceptional and visible leadership commitment to the AIA Values listed in the About section of this document.

AIA Georgia Honor Awards Program

AIA Georgia recognizes that many modern firms engage in a diverse array of practices, such as engineering and other complimentary activities in the AEC space. The jury for the Architecture Firm of the Year Award will be instructed that their analysis of the contributions of the nominee will be limited to the activities of the architecture practice. Concomitantly, nominees should limit their nominations materials to only the activities of their architecture practice by employees in the state of Georgia.

SUBMISSION

All nominations shall be submitted online via our nomination form. Self-nominations for individuals are not allowed. Nominations can only be submitted by AIA members in good standing and AIA staff.

Each nomination shall contain the following:

- A nomination letter that summarizes the contributions made as they relate to the criteria of the award, not to exceed one page
- A brief nomination package of the firm's achievements and contributions including images, minimum of 3 pages (not to exceed 15 pages).
- A statement on firm letterhead signed by the managing partner certifying that the firm is in compliance with the Unpaid Labor Resolution passed by AIA in 2016 at the AIA National Convention.

SELECTION

The Honor Awards Selection Committee is comprised of AIA members in good standing regardless of membership level and which may include local chapter allied members.