



**RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH EXCEPTIONAL CONCEPTS  
IN DESIGN, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

## **2025 CATEGORIES**

### **COMMERCIAL/RETAIL – Non-Residential**

- 1 Best Special Use Project
- 2 Best Recreational Use Facility – *Public/Municipal, may be on the boards*
- 3 Best Commercial Project — *Includes Commercial, Retail and Office applications*
- 4 Best Rehabilitation Project - *Includes Office, Commercial and Industrial*
- 5 Best Interior Renovations - *May include tenant improvements*
- 6 Best Educational Project - *excludes housing, may be on the boards*
- 7 Best Reimagined Retail Space - *may be on the boards*

### **CUSTOM, ONE OF A KIND & RENOVATED HOMES**

- 8 Best Custom Home under 5,000 sq. ft. (Designed for a specific client)
- 9 Best Custom Home 5,000 to 7,500 sq. ft. (Designed for a specific client)
- 10 Best Custom Home 7,500 to 9,000 sq. ft. (Designed for a specific client)
- 11 Best Custom Home over 9,000 sq. ft. (Designed for a specific client)
- 12 Best One-of-a-Kind Home (Designed as a spec or lot specific)
- 13 Best On-the-Boards Custom/Spec Home
- 14 Best Renovated or Restored Single House
- 15 Best Renovated, Restored or Adaptive Re-Use Residential Project

### **AFFORDABLE/SUPPORTIVE RESIDENTIAL - (For Sale or Rent)**

- 16 Best Affordable Housing Community — under 30 du/acre
- 17 Best Affordable Housing Community — 30 to 60 du/acre
- 18 Best Affordable Housing Community - 60 du/acre or more
- 19 Best On-the-Boards Affordable Housing Community
- 20 Best Supportive / Transitional Housing - *May be on-the-boards*

### **MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL - (For Sale or Rent)**

- 21 Best Mixed-Use Project - *May be split based upon lot size*
- 22 Best On-the Boards Mixed Use Project - *May be split based upon lot size*
- 23 Best Multi-Family Housing Community - under 20 du/acre
- 24 Best Multi-Family Housing Community - 20-30 du/acre
- 25 Best Multi-Family Housing Community - 30-60 du/acre
- 26 Best Multi-Family Housing Community - 60 to 100 du/acre
- 27 Best Multi-Family Housing Community - 100 du/acre or more
- 28 Best Student or Faculty Housing - *On or Off Campus Residential*
- 29 Best On-the-Boards Multifamily Community - *Maybe split by density or product type*

### **SENIORS HOUSING**

- 30 Best Affordable 55+ Housing Community
- 31 Best Age Qualified Senior Living Community - For Sale/Rent
- 32 Best Service Enriched 55+ Community - IL/AL/Memory Care
- 33 Best 55+ Housing Community — On-the-Boards



#### **SITE PLANNING/COMMUNITY DESIGN**

- 34 Best Community Land Plan - *May be split based upon community/site scale*
- 35 Best Infill Solution
- 36 Best On-the-Boards Site Plan
- 37 Best Landscape Architecture for a Community
- 38 Best Community Amenity
- 39 Best Built-For-Rent Community Product Design - *May be on-the-boards*
- 40 Best Built-For-Rent Community Plan - *May be on-the-boards*

#### **SINGLE FAMILY PRODUCTION HOUSING**

- 41 Best Single Family Detached Home — under 2,000 sq. ft.
- 42 Best Single Family Detached Home — 2,001 to 2,499 sq. ft.
- 43 Best Single Family Detached Home — 2,500 to 3,000 sq. ft.
- 44 Best Single Family Detached Home — 3,001 to 3,499 sq. ft.
- 45 Best Single Family Detached Home — 3,500 to 4,000 sq. ft.
- 46 Best Single Family Detached Home — Over 4,000 sq. ft.

#### **SPECIALTY CATEGORIES**

- 47 Innovative Housing Concepts – Construction Technology - *May be On-the-Boards*
- 48 Innovative Housing Concepts – Design Solutions - *May be On-the-Boards*
- 49 Best Health/Wellness Design Solution – *Design for the Health of the Occupant*
- 50 Best Indoor/Outdoor Lifestyle for a Home - *May be split based upon size*

#### **INTERIOR DESIGN**

- 51 Best Interior Merchandising of a Model Home priced under \$600,000
- 52 Best Interior Merchandising of a Model Home priced \$600,000 to \$900,000
- 53 Best Interior Merchandising of a Model Home priced \$900,000 to \$1.5 Million
- 54 Best Interior Merchandising of a Model Home priced \$1.5 Million & over
- 55 Best Interior Design of a Custom or One-of-a-Kind Home
- 56 Best Interior Design of a Multi Family Community – Commons Space/Areas – For Sale or Rent

#### **INTERNATIONAL AWARDS ~ *Defined as any community/project located outside North America***

- 57 Best International Residential Project
- 58 Best International Commercial & Special Use Project
- 59 Best Internationals Community Land Plan

#### **COMMUNITIES OF THE YEAR**

- 60 Mixed Use Community of the Year
- 61 Multi-Family Community of the Year
- 62 Residential Detached Collection of the Year
- 63 Masterplan Community of the Year



## **Judging Criteria**

Judges may designate award of merit and grand winners in any or all categories.

Awards may not be given in a category if entries submitted do not meet the criteria below.

Each category will be scored to determine up to 5 Award of Merit Honorees (finalists) with the entry earning the highest point total as Grand Award Winner.

The judges will review the Grand Award Winner in each category to validate the selection and designate who will provide the judges comments for this select honoree.

Home of the Year –Discretionary Award

(May be selected from the winners of Single Family Detached Production Home Categories 41-46)

Judges Special Awards of Excellence will also be awarded at the judges' discretion. -

These are defined as an entry worthy of recognition that does not fit a specific category.

### **SINGLE-FAMILY DESIGN**

- Exterior Home Design/Curb Appeal
- Interior Design/Interior Architecture
- Floor Plan
- Site Plan

### **MULTIFAMILY & AFFORDABLE**

- Exterior Design/Curb Appeal
- Interior Design/Interior Architecture
- Site Plan
- Unit Plans
- Amenities

### **CUSTOM & RENOVATED HOMES**

- Interior Design/Interior Architecture
- Floor Plan
- Functional Strengths
- Creative & Innovative Product & Material Applications
- Ability to Meet Client's Needs
- Exterior Design/Curb Appeal
- Site Plan

### **COMMUNITY DESIGN**

- Exterior Design/Curb Appeal
- Community Infrastructure/Landscaping
- Site Plan Creativity & Solutions
- Effective and Efficient Land Use
- Pedestrian-Scaled & Pedestrian-Friendly
- Respects Local Character
- Delivers Genuine Experience of Place
- Amenities
- Connectivity to Community Circulation

### **COMMERCIAL RETAIL**

- Exterior Design/Curb Appeal
- Project Infrastructure/Landscaping
- Site Plan Creativity
- Effective and Efficient Land Use
- Pedestrian-Scaled & Pedestrian-Friendly
- Respects Local Character
- Delivers Genuine Experience of Place