

# BEST *of the* BEST

## PROJECT SUBMISSION CRITERIA

You will be asked three (3) questions with a 200 word limit for each.

1. **PROBLEM** : Describe the client objectives, specific program needs, as well as any unique challenges and/or space constraints regarding the project.
2. **CONCEPT** : Provide an outline of the overall design concept. Design concept should seek to explain the overall design philosophy and rationale.
3. **SOLUTION** : Quantify the design response and explain how the final design solved the client's objectives, while providing a unique and creative solution.

## FLOOR PLAN

High Resolution Floor Plan - No limit on quantity of floor plans. Labeling your floor plan to assist the judges in understanding the space is encouraged.

## PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHY

High Resolution Color Images - Minimum of 3 and maximum of 10 images.

- Images must be hi-resolution JPEGs at a minimum size of 8" x 10" at 300 dpi.
- Project photography that in any way identifies the name of the submitting firm will be disqualified and will not be judged. Entry fee will not be returned.

## RULES + REGULATIONS

- Project submissions and payment deadline due on Friday, January 12, 2024.
- Payment is due with the project submission. Entry fees are non-refundable \$200, per project. There will be no exceptions.
- Projects may have been executed anywhere in the United States or abroad.
- Projects must be completed after January 1, 2022.
- All project entries must be executed by design firms and/or individuals located within the jurisdiction of the IIDA Georgia Chapter
- Design Teams must include a minimum of one IIDA Professional, Associate, or Affiliate Member (application for membership must be completed by January 5th, 2024, when project is submitted).
- The total number of submissions from one firm is not limited, however, each project can only be submitted to one category. Entrants must submit a separate application for each project.
- Prior projects entries are not eligible. Projects that have previously won an IIDA Best of the Best Award are not eligible. Prior publication or entry in other competitions does not affect eligibility.

**ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED  
NO LATER THAN MONDAY,  
JANUARY 12, 2024 AT 5:00 PM.**

# BEST of the BEST

## CATEGORIES

*dine*

**best of restaurants**

Specific to providing a food and/or beverage service and venue for the public : Restaurants, Bars, Wineries, Breweries, Bakeries, Public Food Halls, Food Markets, etc.

*heal*

**best of healthcare  
less than or equal  
to 20,000 Sq. Ft**

Specific facilities dedicated to the health + welfare of the general public that is less than or equal to 20,000 square feet : Surgery Centers, Rehabilitation Centers, Cancer Centers, Children + Women's Centers, Retirement Communities, Clinics, Satellite Facilities/Outpatient Treatment, Hospice, Medical Office Buildings, Wellness + Fitness Centers, Hospitals (new construction and/or renovations), Veterinary Facilities, etc.

*heal*

**best of healthcare  
greater than  
20,000 Sq. Ft**

Specific facilities dedicated to the health + welfare of the general public that is greater than 20,000 square feet : Surgery Centers, Rehabilitation Centers, Cancer Centers, Children + Women's Centers, Retirement Communities, Clinics, Satellite Facilities/Outpatient Treatment, Hospice, Medical Office Buildings, Wellness + Fitness Centers, Hospitals (new construction and/or renovations), Veterinary Facilities, etc.

*learn*

**best of education &  
research**

Specific to facilities with a focus on study and learning (new construction or renovation) : Research Facilities, Development Facilities, Day Care Centers, Educational Facilities, Colleges, Universities, Higher Education, Elementary, Middle, and High Schools, Libraries, Museums, Aquariums, etc.

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## CATEGORIES

*live*

**best of single  
family**

Specific to personal living spaces, new construction, restoration or renovation: Single Family Homes, Model Homes, Mobile Homes, Tiny Houses, Public Housing, Yachts/Planes/Jets (personal or private), etc.

*live*

**best of multi-  
family**

Specific to a classification of housing where multiple separate residential units are contained within one building or complex with shared common spaces (new construction or renovation): Condominiums, Dormitories, Apartments, Lofts, Community Projects/Community Shelters, Clubhouses, and other Common Areas

*live*

**best of senior  
living**

Specific to personal living spaces where multiple units are contained within one building or complex with shared common spaces dedicated to and licensed as senior living communities (new construction, restoration, or renovation) : Assisted Living, Independent Living, Continuing Care, Memory Care Facilities, etc.

*play*

**best of hospitality**

Specific to providing a service or entertainment venue for the purpose of (personal or business related) travel, rest + relaxation : Hotels, Resorts, Lodges, Cruise Ships, Theaters, Country Clubs, Athletic Clubs, Entertainment Clubs, Airline Clubs, Casinos, Theme Parks, Cineplexes, Spas, etc.

*save*

**best on a budget**

Specific to interior design projects where slab-to-slab hard construction costs (inclusive of architectural and MEP) are less than or equal to \$80 per square foot. Projects that received donations are not applicable for the budget category.

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## CATEGORIES

*serve*

**best of  
government/  
institutional &  
public assembly**

Specific to government institutions and/or public venues which handle high volumes of people : Religious Institutions, Worship Centers, Convention Centers, Civic Centers, Arenas, Stadiums, Transportation Terminals, Airports, Government Agency Facilities, Embassies, Correctional Facilities, Judicial Facilities, Legislative Facilities, Fire, Police, and Emergency Stations, etc.

*shop*

**best of retail**

Specific to customer spaces for selling products and goods : Shopping Centers, Malls, Food Courts, Mass Merchandisers, Department Stores, Specialty Stores + Boutiques, Food Retail Stores, Retail Branches + Banks, Convenience Stores, Home Improvement Stores, Product Showrooms, etc.

*work*

**best of workplace  
less than 20,000  
Sq. Ft**

Specific to corporate office space for the operation of public or private business that is less than 20,000 square feet : Financial Institutions, Professional Services, Legal Workplace, Technology + Marketing, Industrial Complexes, Corporate Headquarters, Satellite Offices, Public Utilities, Call Centers, etc.

*work*

**best of workplace  
20,000 - 75,000  
Sq. Ft**

Specific to corporate office space for the operation of public or private business that is between 20,000 and 75,000 square feet : Financial Institutions, Professional Services, Legal Workplace, Technology + Marketing, Industrial Complexes, Corporate Headquarters, Satellite Offices, Public Utilities, Call Centers, etc.

# BEST of the BEST

## CATEGORIES

*work*

**best of workplace  
greater than  
75,000 Sq. Ft**

Specific to corporate office space for the operation of public or private business that is greater than 75,000 square feet : Financial Institutions, Professional Services, Legal Workplace, Technology + Marketing, Industrial Complexes, Corporate Headquarters, Satellite Offices, Public Utilities, Call Centers, etc.

*create*

**best of special projects**

Specific to unique interior design entries that do not fall into categories listed above : Historic Preservation, Building Lobby Repositioning, Industrial Design, etc. The same project cannot be entered in Special Projects if it has already been entered for any other category.

*jedi*

**justice equality  
diversity &  
inclusion**

All project submissions in all categories will have the opportunity to include a description of how the project is leading a positive impact in Justice, Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion in the community. This is an optional addition to each project submission and is not required. If applicable, tell the story of the initiatives and/or actions that incorporate these elements. This will not impact your scoring for your project submission and will be reviewed as a separate category by the judges.

*best of the best*

ALL winning entries from the categories above will be considered by the judges for the highest honor of Best of the Best.

*designer of  
the year*

Specific to an active IIDA Professional or Associate member within the IIDA Georgia Chapter that exemplifies outstanding volunteer service through commitment, passion, and professionalism, and advocates for interior design excellence through apparent visibility in local A + E industry and notoriety in CRE Industry.

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**2024**



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## JUDGING

We will have six (6) judges from outside the IIDA Georgia Chapter. Photographs and bios will be shared the night of the event and/or via social media in advance of the event.

Categories must receive more than two (2) submissions to be judged. If two (2) or fewer submissions are received, submissions will be returned/refunded and the category will be eliminated. The submitting firm will be notified and given the option to resubmit in another applicable category, or submit the project next year (given that the time frame requirements for the following year are still met).

The authorship of each project will remain concealed throughout the deliberations of the judges. If the authorship is revealed on any of the submission submittals (i.e.: jpegs, narratives) in the submission, the entry will be disqualified and materials/submissions fees will not be returned. If you are submitting your own firm's office, you may not include the design firm name in either the descriptions of the photos.

Each entry will be judged on the success with which it has met its individual requirements. Entries will be weighed individually, and not in competition with others. Judges decisions will be based solely on the materials submitted.

Judges reserve the right to abstain from awarding a category if they feel the entries are not exemplary. Judges and IIDA Georgia Chapter reserve the right to re-classify a project into a different category if deemed necessary (including too few submissions in one category). Refunds will not be given to projects that have been recategorized.

Judges scores and comments regarding the projects will not be shared.

## THE FINE PRINT

Project Submissions become the property of the IIDA Georgia Chapter. Photography and images submitted in can be used by the IIDA Georgia Chapter for exhibition, publication, and promotional purposes (i.e. on the website and social media outlets).

Project Submissions and entry materials (winners and non-winners) will not be returned. Submitting firms and/or individuals are encouraged to keep a duplicate set of all submission materials for their records.

Entries must include all required information and submittals for entry submissions. Read descriptions carefully. Submissions that do not meet required criteria will not be considered. IIDA Georgia Chapter reserves the right to determine final eligibility, and accepts no liability in that regard.

For questions, please email [bestofjudging@iidageorgia.org](mailto:bestofjudging@iidageorgia.org).