

2026 SIPA Building Excellence Awards



Official Entry Form

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **December 17, 2025**

The Structural Insulated Panel Association (SIPA) is hosting the twentieth annual Building Excellence Awards to recognize association members that build exemplary projects using structural insulated panels (SIPs). The competition allows SIPA members to showcase their best work while demonstrating the design flexibility, sustainability and energy efficiency possible with SIP construction.



**Structural Insulated
Panel Association**

January 26th, 27th and 28th / Phoenix, Arizona

Winning entries will be showcased at the 2026 SIPA Annual Meeting and SelectSIPs EXPO.



Homes and commercial buildings completed between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025 are eligible.

Award Categories:

- High Performance (*any size or use category - judged only on special High-Performance features or certifications*)
- Single Family 'Small House' under 900 sq. ft.
- Single Family Homes over 3,000 sq. ft.
- Single Family Homes under 3,000 sq. ft.
- Multifamily
- Agricultural
- Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Buildings under 10,000 sq. ft.
- Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Buildings over 10,000 sq. ft.
- Renovations (*residential or commercial, includes additions and retrofit insulated panels*)
- Affordable Housing (*excludes multifamily, home ownership cost must be at or below 50% of median income for location*)

Who is Eligible?

- The submitting company must be a current SIPA member in good standing
- Structural insulated panels must be used on a minimum of 50% of the building envelope, determined by square footage of exterior walls and roof
- The SIPs used on the project must be provided by a SIPA member manufacturer
- Installers, designers or other parties involved in the project who are not SIPA members will not be recognized in awards materials. However, builders or architects may apply for membership with their entry, but must be full members in good standing prior to the closing date for the entry to receive recognition.
- Project must be completed between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025

Winning Entries

- One winner will be chosen from each category. From the category winners, an Overall Competition Winner and a Runner-Up will be named.
- Judges may hand out Honorable Mentions at their discretion
- Winners will be recognized at the 2026 SIPA SelectSIPs EXPO (Annual Meeting) January 26th – 28th, Phoenix, Arizona.
- SIPA will promote the winning entries on the SIPA website and issue a press release to outside media

Guidelines

- Member companies may make multiple entries, but a separate entry form must be completed for each entry (except for same project also submitted to High Performance category)
- SIPA has the right to use the photos to promote SIPs to the construction industry. All entries will be displayed on the SIPA website.
- The deadline for entries is December 17, 2025. All entries must be received at the SIPA office on or before that date.

The following information and documentation are REQUIRED. Entries without the required items will not be considered.

- Completed and signed application
- A minimum of two photos showing different views of the completed project
- Photographs must be submitted in digital form and be at least 2400 x 3000 pixels, or 8" x 10" at 300 dpi
- Residential projects are encouraged to have a HERS Index calculated by a RESNET certified home energy rater. High Performance category projects must present a HERS Index with blower door data. Commercial High-Performance projects must provide other documentation of energy efficiency.

Additional documentation is not required but is highly recommended to give the judges a clear picture of the project's overall design, sustainability, systems integration, and energy efficiency.

- Additional photos showing the construction process and SIP installation
- Documentation of energy efficiency, such as a HERS report, blower door test results, utility bill data, or infrared thermography
- A thorough description of energy-efficient technologies other than SIPs, as well as other innovative or sustainable features
- Comments from the building owners regarding their satisfaction with the building
- A floor plan of the project. A single page line drawing no larger than 17" x 22" in size is sufficient. Please do not send full blueprints.



Judging Criteria

Each entry will be judged on the following criteria:

- Design and structural engineering innovation
- Creative use of SIP construction
- Environmental sustainability

New High Performance Category criteria:

- Projects can compete both here and in specific building type category
- Only features pertaining to eco-efficiency, health, resilience, and renewable energy are considered here
- Energy efficiency (quantified by HERS Index, blower door and other data)



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

CATEGORY ENTRY *(check one category)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family 'Small House' under 900 sq. ft. | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Buildings under 10,000 sq. ft. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes over 3,000 sq. ft. | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Industrial/Institutional Buildings over 10,000 sq. ft. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Homes under 3,000 sq. ft. | <input type="checkbox"/> Renovations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multifamily | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> High Performance (multiple category entry permitted) |

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date completed: _____

Total cost of project (exclusive of land): _____

Dimensions of building (all floors of multi-story building): _____

Asking price/purchase price (Affordable Housing only): _____

Total sq. ft. of conditioned space: _____

BUILT BY *(if different than applicant)*

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PANELS MANUFACTURED BY *(SIPA members only)*

Company Name: _____

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DESIGNED BY (if different than applicant – SIPA will only recognize members)

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

**Please answer each question with as much detail as possible to help in the judging process.
Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

Describe the end use of the building:

How did SIP construction help you get this job?

SIP wall thickness and core material: _____

SIP roof thickness and core material: _____

Describe the benefits of using SIPs on this project. Did SIPs help save time, labor, construction costs, or energy?

Describe any innovative design elements or structural engineering involved:

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Please list any certifications the project received, such as ENERGY STAR, LEED, National Green Building Standard, WELL, Passive House, Green Globes or local green building programs. Only list certifications that are completed:

HERS Index *(required only for High Performance Category and recommended for residential projects):*

Blower door test results (ACH50) *(required only for High Performance Category and recommended for residential projects):*

Energy use intensity in kBtu/ft² *(required only for High Performance Category and recommended for commercial projects):*

Describe the HVAC system used on the project:

Describe any other energy-saving materials used in the building envelope other than SIPs. List U-values of windows used and the U or R-value of any insulation materials. *(judged only for High Performance Category)*

Please list any energy-efficient products or design features, such as lighting, hot water heating, appliances, passive solar *(judged only for High Performance Category):*

Were any solar panels installed on the project? If so, indicate the size of the system *(judged only for High Performance Category):*

