

2015 SIPA Building Excellence Awards



Official Entry Form

APPLICATION DEADLINE: *March 13, 2015*

The Structural Insulated Panel Association (SIPA) is hosting the thirteenth 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**



Winning entries will be showcased at the 2015 SIPA Annual Meeting in Tucson, March 30 - April 1, 2015



Homes and commercial buildings completed between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014 are eligible.

Award Categories:

- 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 30% 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, 2014 and December 31, 2014

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 2015 SIPA Annual Meeting & Conference in Tucson, 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
- 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 March 13, 2015. All entries must be received at the SIPA office on or before that date.

The following information and documentation is 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 must have a HERS Index calculated by a RESNET certified home energy rater. Commercial projects must present 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:

- Energy efficiency
(quantified by HERS Index and other data)
- Design and structural engineering innovation
- Creative use of SIP construction
- Environmental sustainability



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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

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CATEGORY ENTRY (check one category)

☒ 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

☐ Affordable Housing

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: Evoke Quadrant Model Home

Address: 5604 238th Ct SE

City: Issaquah

State: WA

Zip:

Date completed: October 2014

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: 3440 total sq ft

BUILT BY (if different than applicant)

Company Name: Qudrant Homes

Contact Name:

Phone:

Address: 14725 SE 36th St

City: Bellevue

State: WA

Zip: 98006

PANELS MANUFACTURED BY (members only)

Company Name: Premier SIPS by Insulfoam

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

Company Name: Quadrant Homes

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: 14725 SE 36th St

City: Bellevue

State: WA

Zip: 98006

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:

Mid-sized production builder moves forward with sustainable and luxury spec homes. Model home built to showcase sustainable neighborhood. Model home is now for sale.

How did SIP construction help you get this job?

- Sustainable Materials
- Energy Efficient Products
- High-Performance Building

Builder is creating neighborhoods designed around the commitment to sustainability. Builder builds models homes with sustainable building products such as SIPs to showcase a sustainable end result with lower operating costs... in hope to draw in potential homebuyers

SIP wall thickness and core material:

SIP roof thickness and core material: 3,352 sq ft of 10" roof panels

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

- The SIPs roof used on this model home helped the project achieve its goal of a energy-efficient and high performing home. Quadrant wanted to display to buyers how green and sustainable living is attainable.

Describe any innovative design elements or structural engineering involved:

- Standard engineering through in-house EDB. Structural properties of panels enabled wide opening options, windows and other open air features.

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

- ENERGY STAR rated appliances, Washington Green

HERS Index (residential projects): 63

Blower door test results (ACH50) (residential projects):

Energy use intensity in kBtu/ft² (commercial projects):

Describe the HVAC system used on the project:

- Mini-Split heat pump system for heating and cooling

Describe any other energy-saving materials used in the building envelope other than SIPs. List U-values of windows used and the R-value of any insulation materials.

- Enhanced insulation products and sealants

- Mini-split heat pump system for heating and cooling, where comfort in climate 'zones' can be controlled by remote as well

Please list any energy-efficient products or design features, such as lighting, hot water heating, appliances, passive solar:

- Day lighting & special attention to where windows were placed: rooms facing courtyards, looking south or west to capture natural light. Smaller window in bedrooms, placed high

- Seasonal open air ventilation (huge sliding windows/doors)

- low-flow plumbing fixtures and dual-flush toilets

- Neighborhood designed for best climate orientation

- Standard low VOC sustainable requirements for WA State

- High Tech package- energy saving tools to automate lighting, air/heat control, window shading

Were any solar panels installed on the project? If so, indicate the size of the system:

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Please list any sustainable materials or design features not listed above, such as recycled materials, low-VOC finishes, landscaping, etc.:

- Rain gardens

Any additional comments on the project:

Neighborhood communities built close to urban amenities allowing for more walkability and access to service

CHECKLIST

- ☒ My company is a SIPA member. Panels for this project were manufactured by a SIPA member.
- ☒ I have answered ALL the questions completely
- ☒ I have enclosed the two required electronic images of the completed project meeting the requirements stated in the SIPA Building Excellence Awards guidelines
- ☒ I have indicated the HERS Index as determined by a RESNET certified home energy rater (residential projects)

PLEASE CONFIRM: I have read and understand the rules for this competition. This entry is structural insulated panel construction as defined in the SIPA Building Excellence Awards guidelines. I understand by making this submission that my pictures will be used by the Structural Insulated Panel Association (SIPA) to promote the use of structural insulated panels. I hereby give permission to SIPA to use the enclosed pictures for any use they see fit in that endeavor. I understand that where possible, SIPA will give credit for pictures used to my company as listed above.

Signature: **Becky Susan**

Date: **3-17-2015**

Entries that do not contain all required materials or are received after **March 13, 2015** will not be considered

Complete application and submit electronically to maryjane@sips.org

Or send hard copy applications to SIPA office:
1201 Pacific Ave, Suite 600, Tacoma, WA 98402



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