

2010 SIPA Building Excellence Awards



Official Entry Form

The Structural Insulated Panel Association (SIPA) is hosting the eighth annual “Building Excellence Awards” to recognize association members that build exemplary projects using structural insulated panels (SIPs). The projects submitted by association members are widely distributed to the media and showcased on the SIPA website to demonstrate the design flexibility and energy efficiency of SIP construction.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 26, 2010



Homes and commercial buildings completed between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009 that meet the criteria outlined below are eligible for awards. Special recognition will be given to any residential project that reaches a HERS Index of 30, the national energy savings goal for 2030 proposed in pending legislation.

Award categories include:

- Single Family Homes over 3,000 sq. ft.
- Single Family Homes under 3,000 sq. ft.
- Multi-Family Commercial Buildings
- Agricultural Structures
- Commercial / Industrial / Institutional Structures
- Renovations (residential or commercial)

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 - to be determined by square footage of exterior walls and roof
- A SIPA Manufacturer Member must have manufactured the panels used in the construction of the project. 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.
- Award application and accompanying photographs must be received by March 26, 2010
- Project must be completed between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009

Winning Entries

One winner will be chosen from each category. From those selected winners, an Overall Competition Winner and a Runner-Up will be named. An additional award will be given to the project deemed the Most Unique Application of SIPs, chosen from all entries submitted.

- Winners are recognized with an award at the Building Excellence Awards dinner on April 21 at the 2010 Annual Meeting & Conference in Chicago, Illinois
- SIPA will promote all winning entries through the SIPA website, SIPA blog, and a press release sent to outside media
- Winners can differentiate themselves as award-winning builders of energy-efficient homes

Guidelines

- Member companies may make multiple entries, but a separate entry form must be completed for each entry.
- Each entry must be accompanied by photographic support. Two photos showing different views of the completed project must be submitted with each entry. Other photos showing stages of construction are highly recommended, but not required.
- Photographs must be submitted in digital form, and be at least 2400 x 3000 pixels, or 8" x 10" at 300 dpi. Entries submitted without required photographic support will not be considered for the competition.
- SIPA has the right to use the photos to promote SIPs to the construction industry.
- Each entry should include 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.
- Each entry should provide supporting documents that quantify energy efficiency, such as HERS or ENERGY STAR rating, utility bill data, blower door testing, infrared thermography, or energy simulation results. This information is not required, but inclusion will help the judges better understand your project and the benefits it offers to the building owner.
- A thorough description of energy-efficient technologies other than SIPs, along with mention of other innovative features, will provide judges with a whole building perspective for energy-efficient projects. This is recommended but not required.
- Comments from the building owners regarding their satisfaction in the building are encouraged, but not required.
- Deadline for entries: Friday, March 26, 2010. All entries must be received at the SIPA office on or before that date.
- All winning and non-winning entries will be displayed at the SIPA Annual Meeting & Conference.

Judging Criteria

Each entry will be judged on its success in meeting the following criteria:

- Energy Efficiency (to be proven by a HERS rating or other substantiating method)
- Design and/or structural engineering innovation
- Other SIPs-related factors that contributed to the overall success of the project



Application

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

CATEGORY ENTRY *(check one category)*

- ☐ Single Family Homes (over 3,000 sq. ft.)
- ☐ Single Family Homes (under 3,000sq ft.)
- ☐ Multi-Family
- ☐ Agricultural
- ☐ Institutional / Industrial / Commercial
- ☐ Renovations

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): _____

BUILT BY *(if different than applicant)*

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

PANELS MANUFACTURED BY *(members only)*

Company Name: _____

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

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

PLEASE ANSWER EACH QUESTION WITH AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE TO HELP IN THE JUDGING PROCESS

Describe the end use of the building (attach additional pages if necessary)

How did SIP construction help you get this job?

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Specify unique features of why the project is deserving of recognition (new construction techniques, customer problems solved, time / labor savings, financial savings, etc.)

What energy-efficient or green building products and / or techniques were incorporated into the building? Please list any local or national energy-efficient or green building certifications earned (ENERGY STAR, LEED, Built Green, etc.)?

HERS Index:

Which elements of the building (floors, walls, roof) were built with structural insulated panels? What thicknesses of SIPs were used?

Comments you would like in a news release on this building?

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 as defined in the SIPA Building Excellence Awards guidelines.

OPTIONAL

- ☐ I have enclosed photographs that display different stages of the building project
- ☐ I have enclosed a floor plan drawing (no larger than 17" x 22" in size)
- ☐ I have enclosed a letter from the building owner regarding the building project
- ☐ I have enclosed a list of local publications (name and full contact information) for press release distribution

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: _____

Date: _____

Entries received that do not contain all required materials will be returned.

Entries received after Friday, March 26, 2010 will not be considered

Complete and return to the SIPA office:

P.O. Box 1699 Gig Harbor, WA 98335

For FedEx or UPS Deliveries ONLY:

6659 Kimball Drive NW, D-404

Gig Harbor, WA 98335

253.858.7472

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Entry Number _____

Date Received _____

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