2025 PROFESSIONAL CALL FOR ENTRY

Introduction:

The Cleveland Akron City Center of the International Interior Design Association Ohio Kentucky Chapter is pleased to announce its fourth iDesign – Celebration of Interior Design and Awards Ceremony. We invite you to join us in celebrating the exemplary designs of Northeast Ohio firms at this year's 2025 iDesign.

Schedule:

April 28th, 2025: Call for Submissions Opens

June 27th, 2025: Call for Submissions Closes

September 4th, 2025: iDesign Awards Ceremony

Entry Fee:

- **There is a $225.00 per project entry fee.**
  - **Early Bird - $195.00 per project entry fee** if submitted by June 6th, 2025 at 11:59pm.
- **Payment must be received by** June 27th, 2025 at 11:59 pm.

Awards Eligibility:

- The Submitting Designer must be an IIDA member in good standing with the Cleveland Akron City Center of the International Interior Design Association Ohio Kentucky Chapter practicing within the boundaries of the IIDA Cleveland Akron city center.

- Firms that operate from multiple offices or branches, representing multiple IIDA chapters, may only submit entries wherein the primary design phases were performed by the Cleveland/Akron office or branch.

Awards Eligibility (continued):

- The Submitting Designer must have participated on the project team. A member of IIDA Ohio Kentucky chapter leadership will be reaching out to each submitting firm to verify the Submitting Designer was active on the project design team. Note that Submitting Designers may be asked to participate in future IIDA events involving I Design Award winning projects.

- Project entries must be built work, substantially completed after January 1, 2022, regardless of project size, geographical location, budget, style, or building type.

- Projects that have previously won an IIDA Cleveland Akron Design Award are not eligible.

Submission Categories:

- The jury will evaluate all projects based on the aesthetic, functional, contextual, social and sustainable characteristics of the design. All evaluations will be based solely on the information contained in the submissions. The jury will not visit projects.

- The jury has the right to subdivide categories and award projects as they see fit.

- Entries may be in one of the following categories:
    o **LEARN -** higher education, k-12
    o **WORK -** corporate larger than 25,000 sf, corporate smaller than 25,000 sf
    o **LIVE -** multifamily housing, senior living, residential
    o **ENGAGE -** public, civic, performing arts, places of worship, libraries
    o **HEAL -** healthcare larger than 25,000 sf, healthcare smaller than 25,000 sf
    o **PLAY -** hospitality, restaurants, retail
    o **INNOVATE -** Innovative 'mini' projects or creative design solutions within larger projects. Highlight your small-scale design solutions including (but not limited to) exhibits, custom furniture and/or millwork, client-focused brand strategy, etc.

Not sure where your project fits? Please send any questions regarding the 2025 iDesign to:

iida.clevak@gmail.com

Project Submission Requirements:

Please note that nothing identifying the firm in any way is permitted on any of the project presentation submission materials. Failure to remove any identifying information will be an immediate disqualification. Once the files have been uploaded, the IIDA Cleveland Akron City Center will replace the firm name with a unique number for each entrant before submitting to the judges in order to maintain anonymity.

Compile the Entry

- The submission process is entirely digital; no hard copy submissions are accepted. To submit a completed entry, please assemble the following files:

PDF Presentation

- 7 (minimum) to 15 (maximum) pages.
- The first page shall be a concise description of the project and shall include: the project name, location, and total square footage; name of the client/owner, a statement of the problem, a description of the site and environs, and the design intentions and distinguishing factors of the work.
- The remaining pages should contain the drawings (site plan, floor plans, sections) and photographs necessary to best represent the project and in the order the entrant would like them viewed.
- The design of the pages are at the applicant's discretion.
- The PDF presentation shall be of Landscape Orientation, page size 11"W x 8.5" H.
- Label file as: Firm Name_Project Name_Presentation

(2) High Resolution Images for Marketing Purposes & Awards Ceremony

- Your choice of the best two (2) images representing the project.
- JPEG, 300 dpi, 8x10 format.
- The photographer credit can be assigned on the entry form.
- Label as: Firm Name_Project Name_Image 1 and Firm Name_Project Name_Image 2

Submit the Entry:

- **Step 1: Visit IIDA Ohio Kentucky website to fill out the Entry Form and Submit Payment**
    - **Website: https://www.iidaohky.org/clevak-designawards**
    - **Have the following information ready:**
        - Firm Contact Name and e-mail
        - Firm Name
        - IIDA Member Name and Number (Must be an active IIDA Member)
        - Project Team Member Names
        - Submitting Firm's Role in the project
        - Associate Firm & their role (if applicable)
        - Project Name and Location
        - Owner/Client Name
        - Submission Category and Sub Category Description (ex: Retail)
        - Year of Project Completion (must be after 1/1/2022)
        - Square Footage
        - Photography Credit (company name, contact info)
        - General Contractor (company name)
        - General Contractor (contact info)
        - Project Contributors - Manufacturers, Core Trade Partners, Engineers, Graphic Designer, etc.

- **Step 2: Visit Judgify to upload your project submission files**
    - **Judgify link: https://www.judgify.me/IIDAClevAk2025idesign**
    - **Have the following information ready:**
        - Category
        - Project Name
        - Firm Name
        - Point of Contact email
        - Project PDF Presentation (see info above)
        - High resolution images (see info above)
    - **Note: Each project submission must be submitted separately. Do not upload photos or documents from multiple projects at the same time.**

Please remember that the submission deadline is June 27th, 2025 at 11:59pm.

Awards:

- Submitters will not be notified in advance if their projects win an award.

- A panel of distinguished judges will review the project entries to determine outstanding achievement in design. The size, scope, category or cost of a project in no way limits the eligibility or level of award. The jury will consider each project based on its own unique program, needs, and challenges.

- IIDA Cleveland Akron will promote and recognize winners on the IIDA Cleveland Akron websites, newsletters, and social media. All press releases will be sent to the local media.

- The awards ceremony will be held on the evening of September 4th, 2025 in-person.