



**BC Construction
Association
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Call for entries

(Residential)

Northern BC Building Excellence Awards

**Categories
Criteria & Requirements**

***Recognizing Excellency
in
Northern British Columbia's Building Industry
professionals***



Overview, Requirements, Awards Categories, Criteria

The Building Excellence Awards have been established to recognize and honour excellence in the home and commercial building industry in northern British Columbia

Eligibility

The awards committee invites any professional full-time builder, licensed with the Homeowner Protection Office to submit nominations for any of the **building** categories listed below.

Any entry in a specific category from a previous year **is not** eligible to be entered in the same category for this year's competition; **however a new phase** could be entered from the same project **provided** it is **substantially** different. (i.e. if an entry won Best Multi-Family Townhouse Development last year, Phase 2 of the same development could enter Best Townhouse Development again this year, as long as the phases are substantially different.)

Entry Date Requirements

All Residential houses to be entered must have been completed by **December 31, 2009** (and not entered in the past).

Deadline for submitting entries is March 7, 2012 4:00 pm

Entry Fees: \$125 plus \$6.25 GST = \$131.25 per entry

AWARDS CEREMONY TO TAKE PLACE March 29th at the Prince George Ramada Hotel

Definition of Associate Company

The associate Company is a contributor to the project. The associate company will appear on all certificates, plaques, newspapers and media releases. The associate company is determined by the Primary Company submitting the entry. If a builder's house or specific room in that house is being submitted by another **party**, the other **party** must get the written permission of the builder before entering that project.

Entry Preparation: All entry materials must be anonymous. An inclusion of company names and addresses anywhere in or on the entry materials other than the entry form is forbidden and the entry will be disqualified.

Entry Form: Information given on the entry form will be printed exactly as submitted for news releases, newspapers, publications, certificates and trophies. Please take extra care to ensure all spelling is correct before you submit each entry. The **Awards committee** will **not** make any corrections after the entry has been submitted.

Project Description/Marketing Statement: The Marketing Statement will be limited to a maximum of 200 words and should describe the project, specifically how it meets the category criteria. Bullet form is recommended. Please keep in mind that the Marketing Statement is read aloud to the judges while they are viewing the digital images. It is recommended that the Marketing Statement reflect the criteria in the order listed and that the order of the images on the CD match the order read in the Statement as much as possible.

Photography Submission Criteria:

The photographic component of your submission must be in digital form on CD. Images can be taken with a digital camera or with traditional film.

Please do not submit more than the required number of images requested for each category.

Bring the Photo Criteria Specifications Post Card to the film developers to ensure that the film developer creates your digital images to the proper specifications below. If you are taking the pictures yourself with a digital camera, be sure to follow the specifications below when saving your images to CD. Images must be clear; night photos of home/building exterior are not permitted. Submit 2 identical CD's with your entry. These CD's should be labeled with the project name (**not the name of the company**).

Digital Image Submission Specifications

- Images can be horizontal or vertical.
- Images may be saved with the aspect ratio of 5" x 7" @ 300 d.p.i. (1500 pixels x 2100 pixels). **Size and resolution must not exceed this.**
- Save as a jpeg file at its highest quality setting.
- Cropped images must maintain the required aspect ratio of 5" x 7". Other aspect ratios will not be accepted.

IMPORTANT

- **Please name files with community name or project name, category number and sequence number (i.e. hilltop_cat12_1.jpg)**
- For renovation category, please add to the sequence number a **"B"** to indicate a **"before"** image, and add an **"A"** to indicate an **"after"** image. (i.e. smith_cat4_1B.jpg/smith_cat4_1A.jpg)
- **All images must be anonymous. No company names.** Do not include people in your images unless required by the category. (This may not apply to "before" images in the renovation categories.)

- **Please also submit one (1) 8” x 10” or 5” x 7” full frame 35mm, glossy photo as requested by the category requirements. (for each category)**
- If you are entering a renovation category please submit one (1) 5” x 7” “before” and one (1) 8” x 10” or 5” x 7” “after” glossy photo of the same area. Take all “after” images from the same reference point as the “before” images.
- **Plans: Floor, Site, Landscape, etc...**All plans must be submitted on 8 ½” x 11” paper **only**; 5 collated and stapled sets.

Judging

Each entry will be judged on its own merit by a distinguished panel of highly qualified judges from outside the Northern BC region, who are selected for their expertise in their field. No others will be allowed to observe the judging of entries.

Northern BC Building Excellence Award Finalists will be announced, and posted on www.chbanorthernbc.ca and www.businesspc.ca or www.businessvi.ca on or before March 21st. Decisions of the judges shall be final in every respect.

The Awards committee reserves the right to:

- Cancel, combine or split any category due to numerous or insufficient number of entries
- Withdraw a particular category if all the entries submitted do not meet the digital image submission specifications.
- Request any additional information it deems necessary to confirm the information contained in any submission. Judges may also re-categorize any entry if, in their opinion, it has been entered in the wrong category, or if the entry is more appropriate in another category.

Return of Entry Material

All materials submitted become the sole property of the awards committee and they reserve the right to use any or all of these materials for the promotion of the Northern BC Building Excellence awards.

It is important to the integrity of the residential construction industry that all entrants must conduct themselves in such a way as to demonstrate good business practices. If it can be demonstrated at any time up to the final awarding of these Awards that there are business practices detrimental to the integrity of the industry, that participant will be disqualified. Participants are required to accept all decisions by the judges as final and binding.

Deadline

All entries must be submitted by **4.00pm March 7, 2012**, there will be no extensions. All remaining entry requirements, including fees, must be received by March 14 2012. Please drop off entries and payment to CHBA Northern BC office 300-1705 3rd Avenue Prince George, BC V2L 3G7

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Residential Planning, Design and Construction

1. Excellence in **Single Family Detached Home 1100-1499 Sq. Ft**
2. Excellence in **Single Family Detached Home 1500-1799 sq. Ft**
3. Excellence in **Single Family Detached Home 1800 to 2099 Sq. Ft.**
4. Excellence in **Single Family Detached Home 2,100 to 2499 Sq. Ft.**
5. Excellence in **Single Family Detached Home 2500 to 3499 sq ft**
6. Excellence in **Single Family Detached Home over 3500 Sq. Ft**
7. Excellence in **Semi Detached or town Home Development** a town House is defined as a ground oriented project in which each unit has a separate entry.

Residential Planning, Design, and Construction- RENOVATION

8. Excellence in **Residential Renovation** – value under **\$100,000** - Renovated or Restored homes are eligible for this category, quality, rather than cost determines the winner. The total cost of the project includes material and labor
9. Excellence in **Residential Renovation** – value over **\$100,000** -Renovated or restored Homes are eligible for this category, quality, rather than cost determines the winner. The total cost of the project includes material and labor
10. Excellence in **Kitchen renovation** under **\$50,000**
11. Excellence in **Kitchen renovation** Over **\$50,000**
12. Excellence in **Renovation – Any room**

Interior Design and Merchandising, Landscape Design

13. Excellence in **Kitchen Design** valued under **\$40,000 –NEW HOME**
14. Excellence in **Kitchen Design** valued over **\$40,000 –NEW HOME**
15. Excellence in **Master Suite Design – NEW HOME**

16. Excellence in **Interior Design** in a **Custom Residence – NEW HOME OR RENOVATION**
17. Excellence in **Creating an Interior Feature/Innovation in a Home** – a feature is described as any room or special aspect of a home not covered by other categories. It can be a unique part of the home or on the property. May include home theatre, recreational facilities, media center, fireplace, flooring, window detail. Ceiling detail etc
18. Excellence in Landscape Design /Exterior - single Family (**New or Renovation**)

Special Achievement Awards

19. **Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Consideration and Energy Efficiency** This award is for the builder, renovator, developer, architect/designer, landscape architect, sub trade, supplier or manufacturer of a project, product or program.
20. **Built Green™ Builder/Renovator of the year (Sustainability award)**
21. **Residential Renovator of the year award**

Award Categories, Criteria and Requirements

Residential Criteria (Categories 1 - 6 inclusive)

In addition to the relative affordability of the home, the following will also be judged: Home cost is **without the value of the land.**

Exterior:

- Innovative and functional design solutions,
- Architectural character,
- Common areas and/or amenities,
- Environmental considerations including energy efficiency (i.e.: Built Green BC™ R-2000, EnerGuide, Power Smart, Low E Glass, etc.)
- Integration of project into its natural setting and economic & site restraints.

Interior

- Unique Design solution,
- Creative use of space,
- Functionality of floor plan.

The square footage of the home includes the main and upper floors, but excludes the garage and **finished** or **unfinished basement** areas.

*A finished basement that is an integral part of the plan should be included.

Requirements (Categories 1 - 6 inclusive):

1. Two identical copies of CD's, with 8 digital images of the following:
Two (2) digital images showing exterior. (Night time images will not be judged)
To show development setting, architectural character, entrance to project etc
Six (6) digital images showing the interior.
2. One (1) 8"x10" or 5" x 7" glossy color photo of the front elevation.
3. Five (5) collated copies of the floor plan and site plan on 8 1/2"x 11" paper.

Excellence in Semi Detached or town Home Development (Category 7)

A town House is defined as a ground oriented project in which each unit has a separate entry

Criteria – category 7

In addition to relative affordability of the development, the following will be judged: innovative and functional design, architectural character, environmental considerations including energy efficiency (ie: Built Green BC™, R-2000, EnerGuide, PowerSmart, Low E Glass etc) integration of the project into its setting.

Requirements (Category 7)

1. Entry form Includes project description
2. Two (2) identical copies of CD's with eight (8) digital images of the following:
 - Two (2) digital images showing development setting, Architectural character, entrance to project etc
 - Three (3) digital images showing principal living area
 - Three digital images of your choice
 - Five collated copies of the floor plan and site plan on 8 1/2" x 11" paper

Residential Planning, Design, and Construction- RENOVATION

Categories (8-12 inclusive)

8. Excellence in Residential Renovation – value under **\$100,000** - Renovated or Restored homes are eligible for this category; quality, rather than cost determines the winner. The total cost of the project includes material and labor.

9. Excellence in Residential Renovation – value over **\$100,000** -Renovated or restored Homes are eligible for this category; quality, rather than cost determines the winner. The total cost of the project includes material and labor.

Criteria (Categories 8-9 inclusive)

Entry will be judged on respect for existing architecture and surroundings, quality of workmanship and finishing details, compatibility of building materials, special and unique design, energy efficiency considerations, creative and efficient use of space and aesthetic considerations of interior and/or exterior.

Requirements (Categories 8-9 inclusive)

1. Entry form Includes project description
2. Two (2 identical copies of CD's with up to twelve (12) digital images of the following:
 - Up to four (4) digital images (**Clearly Labeled "Before"**)
 - Up to eight (8) digital images (**Clearly Labeled "After"**)
 - Five collated copies of the floor plan and site plan on 8 1/2" x 11" paper

Note: the after photos should be from the same reference point as the before pictures

10. Excellence in Kitchen renovation under \$50,000

11. Excellence in Kitchen renovation over \$50,000

Criteria (Categories 10 - 11 inclusive)

Entry will be judged on careful innovative detailing, functionality and utility of floor plan, special and unique design and creative and efficient use of space.

Note: *All kitchen renovations must enter category 10 & 11 only. A kitchen renovation cannot be entered into another residential renovation category or category 112 (Excellence in Renovation any room)*

Requirements (Categories 10-11)

1. Entry form Includes project description
2. Two (2 identical copies of CD's with up to twelve (12) digital images of the following:
 - Up to four (4) "before "digital images (**Clearly Labeled "Before"**)
 - Up to eight (8) "After" digital images (**Clearly Labeled "After"**)
 - Five collated copies of the floor plan and site plan on 8 1/2" x 11" paper

Note: the **after** photos should be from the same reference point as the **before** pictures

Category 12

12. Excellence in Renovation – Any room

Note:

All kitchen renovations must enter category 10&11 (only) A kitchen renovation cannot be entered into another residential renovation category or category 12 (Excellence in Renovation any room)

Criteria (Category 12) Excellence in renovation any room

Entry will be judged on careful innovative, functionality and utility of floor plan, special and unique design and creative use of space

Requirements (Category 12)

1. Entry form Includes project description
2. Two (2 identical copies of CD's with up to twelve (12) digital images of the following:
 - Up to four (4) “before” digital images (**Clearly Labeled “Before”**)
 - Up to eight (8) “after” digital images (**Clearly Labeled “After”**)
 - Five collated copies of the floor plan and site plan on 8 1/2” x 11” paper

Note: the after photos should be from the same reference point as the before pictures

Interior Design and Merchandising

13. Excellence in **Kitchen Design** valued **under \$40,000 –NEW HOME**

14. Excellence in **Kitchen Design** valued **over \$40,000 –NEW HOME**

Note; Kitchen value includes: Cabinets, Countertops, Back splash, Flooring, Lighting,/Plumbing fixtures

Criteria (Categories 13 & 14) Entry will be judged on careful innovative detailing, functionality and utility of floor plan, special and unique design, and creative and efficient use of space.

Requirements (Categories 13 & 14)

1. Entry form (includes projects description)
2. Two (2) identical copies of CD's, with six (6) digital images of your choice
3. Five (5) collated copies of the floor plan and site plan on 8 ½” x 11” paper

Excellence in Master Suite Design in a Home – NEW HOME

Criteria (Category 15)

Entry will be judged on careful innovative detailing, functionality and utility of floor plan, special and unique design, and creative and efficient use of space.

Requirements (Category 15)

1. Entry form (includes projects description)
2. Two (2) identical copies of CD's, with six (6) digital images of your choice
3. Five (5) collated copies of the floor plan and site plan on 8 ½" x 11" paper

Excellence in Interior Design in a Custom Residence – NEW HOME or RENOVATION

Criteria (Category 16)

Entry will be judged on concept, creativity, color, wall/ window treatments, impact of furniture, accessories, and merchandising.

Requirements (Category 16)

1. Entry form (includes projects description)
2. Two (2) identical copies of CD's, with six (6) digital images of your choice (if new)
 - Renovations must include
 - Two (2) "before" digital images
 - Four (4) "after" digital images

Note: The "after" photos should be from the same reference point as the "before" photos

3. Five (5) collated copies of the floor plan indicating furniture placements usage of space on 8 ½" x 11" paper

Note: If entry is a renovation a "before" and "After" floor plan is required

Excellence in Creating an Interior Feature/Innovation in a Home (Category 17)

Excellence in Creating an Interior Feature/Innovation in a Home - A feature is described as any room or special aspect of a home not covered by other categories. It can be a unique part of the home or on the property. It may include home theatre, recreational facilities, media center, fireplace, flooring, window detail, ceiling detail, etc.

Criteria (Category 17)

Entry will be judged on creativity and inspirational use of architectural features that are not covered in other categories.

Requirements (Category 17)

1. Entry form (includes projects description)
2. Two (2) identical copies of CD's, with six (6) digital images of your choice

3. Seven (7) collated copies of the floor plan and site plan on 8 ½” x 11” paper

**Excellence in Landscape Design/Exterior – Single Family (NEW OR RENOVATION)
(Category 18)**

Criteria (Category 18)

Entry will be judged on selection and placement of materials in the landscaping which successfully enhances the home, and addresses the climatic as well as energy efficiency targets.

Residential Renovator of the Year (Category 19)

Criteria (Category 19)

Eligible entries for this category must enter a minimum of one product category (categories 8-12). This award will be determined by the accumulation of points in the listed categories and a review of materials by the judges.

Requirements (Category 19)

1. Entry form (includes projects description)
2. Two (2) identical copies of CD's with up to eight (8) digital images summarizing your entry. Images should be copies of previous entries in categories 8-12.

20. Built Green™ Builder/Renovator of the year

Please describe Green building materials used to construct/renovate this home, and other energy efficient considerations that went into making this an energy efficient home. If possible show the energuide rating.