



A Chapter of the
American Institute of Architects



PHOENIX CANALS PROFESSIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION

PURPOSE

The American Institute of Architects Phoenix Metro Chapter, in conjunction with Arizona State University's Canalscape Symposium 2009, and to help foster the development of an "Authentic Desert Urbanism for Metro Phoenix," is sponsoring a Professional Design Competition for projects adjacent the city's canal banks.

ELIGIBILITY

All entries shall be submitted by multi-disciplinary teams that include a licensed architect, and a minimum of two (2) other members. Teams are strongly encouraged to also include landscape architects, artists, developers, engineers, and planners.

PROGRAM

Teams are encouraged to identify a site(s) where a canal intersects a street and focus their ideas and proposals on creating a vital mixed-use urban hub. Adhering to Canalscape design guidelines, proposed buildings should be oriented to the canals as well as the streets, and ground floor uses should be public. It is strongly recommended that teams gather input from local communities and canal users, consider both sides of the canal (so that canal is the centerpiece), integrate public art, and demonstrate best sustainability practices.

Teams should focus design proposals on the private property *adjacent* to canal banks and be mindful to protect the canal and the right-of-ways for current public and SRP usage. In addition to site-specific urban design recommendations, entries may also explore project implementation strategies, such as parameters for potential canal overlay districts, municipal shared parking, or others.

COMPETITION APPLICATIONS

All teams shall fill out the attached competition application and submit it with their \$50 entry fee no later Friday, March 20, 2009.

ENTRIES

The presentation materials submitted for judging shall include the following drawings plus a Written Concept Statement (250 word maximum). All presentation materials shall be displayed upon one (1) 24" x 36" board and contain the following minimum requirements:

Site Plan / Grade Level Floor Plan (Show exterior spaces and overall site)	To Scale
Site / Building(s) Section (To include cut through canal)	To Scale
Additional Floor Plans, as required	To Scale
Exterior Elevations / Perspectives	Not to Scale

Written Concept Statement: Each team shall be required to submit a Written Concept Statement. This statement will explain the thoughts behind the ideas and design concept of the proposal. The Written Concept Statement must be part of your overall visual presentation so as to be visible to the judges. Limit the length to 250 words, and please remember to leave any references to your team names off of the statement.

All entries shall include a 3" x 5" card with the team members' full names and contact information. Entrant names should not appear anywhere else on any of the entry materials. The information card shall be placed in an opaque, sealed envelope securely attached to the entry so that the entrants' names are not known to the judges until after judging is completed.

All entry materials shall also be submitted in electronic form as well, on either a jump drive or CD.

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

All entries are due to the AIA Arizona Offices at 30 N. 3rd Avenue, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85003 by July 31, 2009. All entries may be picked up from the AIA Arizona Offices following the September awards presentation.

OWNERSHIP OF ENTRIES

AIA Phoenix Metro shall have the right to publicize, display, or authorize the reproduction of any and all submissions, giving proper credit to the designers in each case.

JUDGING

A jury of approximately three members of the local design and development community will judge the competition and select the winners. All entries will be judged anonymously.

Each entry will be evaluated with reference to the following criteria (in no particular order):

- Environmental Sustainability
- Demonstrated Community Engagement
- Appropriateness Site Treatment
- Design Concept Development and Implementation
- Creativity and Innovation
- Presentation Quality

All decisions of the jury will be final. The tentative date for judging is Saturday, August 15, 2009.

AWARDS

The award presentation will be made at the AIA Arizona Annual Awards gala in September.

The following awards will be made:

First Place	\$1,000
Second Place	\$ 500
Third Place	\$ 250
Honorable Mention(s)	

In addition, all award-winning entries will be put on display in an exhibition at the Arizona Historical Museum in the fall. A selection of entry materials will be featured at September's First Friday event and on display in the AIA Arizona gallery during September.

COMPETITION CONTACTS

Any questions should be directed to the competition coordinator or the competition liaison.

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