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BIA Opens Entries for 2016 Brick in Architecture Awards *Final Deadline is April 30*

RESTON, Va., March 1, 2016 —The Brick Industry Association ([BIA](#)) encourages entries for its [2016 Brick in Architecture Awards](#) through April 30.

BIA's annual design competition honors outstanding, innovative and sustainable architecture in 10 categories that incorporate clay brick products as the predominant exterior building or paving material.

Entries will be conducted entirely online at <http://www.gobrick.com/Architecture-Awards>, and the winners will be announced in June. Projects will be judged by a jury of peers.

"The annual Brick in Architecture Awards showcase the best clay brick projects in the country," said Ray Leonhard, BIA president & CEO. "Architects demonstrate fired clay brick's aesthetic flexibility, and as a material made from abundant natural resources, it's a perfect strategy in sustainable design."

[Architectural and design firms](#) may enter their best projects completed since January 1, 2011, in which **new clay** brick products comprise the predominant exterior building or paving material (over 50 percent). These include face or hollow brick, building brick, thin brick, paving brick, glazed brick, structural glazed facing tile, new clay brick products in special shapes and/or a combination of any of these aforementioned units.

Entries must be submitted [online](#) in one or more of the below categories:

- Commercial
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- Education – K-12
- Education – Colleges & Universities (Higher Education)*
- Health Care Facilities
- Municipal / Government
- Houses of Worship
- Residential – Single Family
- Residential – Multi-Family
- Paving & Landscape Projects
- Renovation (Additions)** / Restoration (Restoring)

*Includes residence halls & academic/administrative buildings

**Additions must use at least 50 percent new clay brick products on the building. Restoration must include at least 50% clay brick products, which must be new brick placed in the wall.

As the most prestigious juried competition of its kind, Best in Class winners will receive national recognition through a special Brick in Architecture insert in the December issue of *Architect* magazine. The insert will include other winners as well as in Brick News Online, and all entrants will be featured in BIA's online [Photo Gallery](#).

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Founded in 1934, BIA is the nationally recognized authority on clay brick construction representing the nation's distributors and manufacturers of clay brick and suppliers of related products. Website: <http://www.gobrick.com> / Twitter: @BrickIndustry <https://twitter.com/BrickIndustry> / YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/BrickIndustry> site: <http://www.gobrick.com/> /703-620-0010.