



2026 Excellence in the Healthcare Environment

Submission Criteria for Project Awards

Award for Interior Renovation

This healthcare award recognizes excellence in the design, renovation, or expansion of facilities primarily built within existing hospital or clinical space. It honors projects that optimize functionality, efficiency, and patient experience while seamlessly integrating into established healthcare environments.

Eligible projects may include:

- Imaging Services
- Pharmacy
- Administrative Space
- Outpatient Facilities
- Dental Spaces

Submission Criteria:

- Completed in the last 3 years within NYC Metro Area
- Unique Features (1-5)
- Unique Challenges and Solutions (1-5)
- Chemistry of the team (1-5)
- Community Impact (1-5)
- Sustainable Materials (1-5)
- Clinician Involvement (1-5)
- Wellness (1-5)
- Phasing (1-5)

Award for Infrastructure

This healthcare award recognizes excellence in infrastructure design, development, and modernization that enhances the functionality, efficiency, and sustainability of healthcare facilities. It honors projects that support the critical backbone of healthcare operations, ensuring reliability, safety, and improved patient and staff experiences.

Eligible projects may include:

- Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) Systems
- Structural Improvements
- Technology Integration
- Sustainability & Resilience
- Utility & Transportation Networks

Submission Criteria:

- Completed in the last 3 years within NYC Metro Area
- Unique Features (1-5)
- Unique Challenges and Solutions (1-5)
- Chemistry of the team (1-5)
- Community Impact (1-5)
- Sustainable Materials (1-5)
- Complexity (1-5)
- Phasing (1-5)
- Sustainability (1-5)

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Award for Remote Outpatient Facility

This healthcare award recognizes excellence in the design and development of remote outpatient facilities, including physician practices, ambulatory care centers, and specialty clinics. It honors projects that expand access to high-quality healthcare services in community-based, non-hospital settings, prioritizing patient convenience, operational efficiency, and clinical effectiveness.

Eligible projects may include:

- Physician Practices
- Ambulatory Care Centers
- Urgent Care Clinics
- Specialty Outpatient Services
- Telehealth-Integrated Spaces

Submission Criteria:

- Completed in the last 3 years within NYC Metro Area
- Unique Features (1-5)
- Unique Challenges and Solutions (1-5)
- Chemistry of the team (1-5)
- Community Impact (1-5)
- Sustainable Materials (1-5)
- Clinician Involvement (1-5)
- Wellness (1-5)

Award for Innovative Common Space

This healthcare award recognizes excellence in infrastructure design, development, and modernization that enhances the functionality, efficiency, and sustainability of healthcare facilities. It honors projects that support the critical backbone of healthcare operations, ensuring reliability, safety, and improved patient and staff experiences.

Eligible projects may include:

- Lobby & Atrium Spaces
- Roof Gardens & Healing Gardens
- Exterior Landscapes
- Family & Staff Retreat Areas
- Multi-Use Common Areas

Submission Criteria:

- Completed in the last 3 years within NYC Metro Area
- Unique Features (1-5)
- Unique Challenges and Solutions (1-5)
- Chemistry of the team (1-5)
- Community Impact (1-5)
- Sustainable Materials (1-5)
- Clinician Involvement (1-5)

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