

# CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION 2012 GOVERNOR'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

The Governor's Historic Preservation Awards are presented annually, under the sponsorship of the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP), to individuals, organizations, companies, and public agencies whose contributions demonstrate significant achievements in preserving the heritage of California. The purpose of the awards is to recognize meaningful achievements in historic preservation through increased public awareness, appreciation, and support for historic preservation throughout the state.

We invite you to participate in celebrating the preservation of California's heritage by nominating individuals, organizations, firms, or agencies you believe are deserving of the Governor's Historic Preservation Award. Recipients of this year's awards will be announced at the State Historical Resources Commission's Fall meeting in San Diego. Presentation of the awards will take place in Sacramento in mid-November.

## ELIGIBILITY CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

### 1. Individuals, Organizations, and Agencies

Any individual, organization, company, or local, state or federal agency involved in historic preservation is eligible to be nominated. Eligible nominees will have made significant contributions over time to the advancement of historic preservation and/or the preservation of historical resources in California. Nominations of those individuals and groups working at a grassroots level are especially encouraged. *Individuals may not nominate themselves.*

### 2. Projects

A. Restoration, rehabilitation or adaptive use of historic buildings, structures, sites, or cultural landscapes. Projects shall have been completed (or, for large-scale, phased projects, had a substantial portion completed) within the last three years and not later than January 31, 2012. Projects that demonstrate public-private partnerships are especially encouraged.

B. Activities related to the identification, protection, and interpretation of historic and prehistoric resources.

- Innovative efforts in historic preservation education or interpretive programs.
- Exemplary historic preservation planning documents, including design guidelines, general plan elements, and local ordinances.
- Surveys or National Register nominations that significantly contribute to statewide knowledge of historic resources and/or contexts.
- Projects that demonstrate new or novel approaches to the protection of historic and/or prehistoric archaeological sites.
- Exemplary historical research projects, including oral histories.

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GENERAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Nominations should demonstrate creative solutions to the preservation and/or interpretation of California historic and/or prehistoric resources.

Nominations of public agencies shall clearly demonstrate how the reason(s) for nomination is distinguished from those projects or activities that would normally fall within the agency's mandate to execute.

Nominations of firms or companies shall clearly demonstrate involvement beyond contractual scope.

Nominations must demonstrate that the project or activity conforms to applicable professional standards, such as the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Preservation, or other standards for archaeology, interpretation, oral history, and other types of projects or activities.

Nominee shall not be involved in any preservation-related violations, lawsuits, or complaints. Compliance checking will be conducted to ensure all awards are appropriate.

For projects that were completed in compliance with local, state, or federal law, consideration will only be given to those that exceed the legal requirements, include meaningful public participation, and demonstrate creative solutions to compliance requirements.

Awards for the drafting of legislation, be it local, county, or statewide, will be presented to the elected official who carried it, along with those responsible for researching and drafting the legislation.

Special consideration will be given to historic preservation projects/activities associated with underserved communities; that promote sustainability and "green" design while preserving the historic fabric of a resource; or that have not been recognized previously by other organizations or awards programs.

Note: The Office of Historic Preservation, in consultation with the awards jury panel, reserves the right to present each award to any or all of the organizations, agencies, companies, and/or individuals responsible.

## NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

A complete nomination packet must include:

- A completed Nomination Form
- A **Summary Statement** - On a separate sheet of paper, describing:
  - The project in detail, or the reasons for nomination of an individual, organization or agency;
  - The project or nominee's impact on the community and meaningful achievement in historic preservation;
  - The nominee's Mission Statement, if available; and
  - For projects, if legal standards were applied, state the standards and demonstrate compliance.
- **Photographs** - Please include four or more high quality photographs. High resolution digital images submitted on disc are acceptable. Digital photos must be in TIFF or JPEG format and must be at least 3,000 pixels on their longest edge (8" x 10" at 300 dpi/ppi). Inkjet prints of scanned or digital images are not acceptable. Photographs and discs will not be returned.
- **Video Footage** - documenting an event or activity or highlighting features of a building rehabilitation or reuse, research project, or interpretation of a building, artifact, or historic or prehistoric archaeological resource are also encouraged.
- A letter certifying that the nominee or nominated project is not involved in any preservation-related violations, lawsuits or complaints.
- **Supporting Documentation** may be of any length and may include:
  - For building projects: Photographs, plans, and other documentation sufficient to illustrate the property before and after the nominated activity.
  - If multiple nominees from a coalition are named, list the contributions of each.
  - For interpretive/educational projects: A copy of the material, such as a book, brochure, DVD/CD, website links, or photographs of exhibits or activities.
  - Copies of other materials, such as news clippings or other commendations that support the case for noteworthiness of the project or activity.

Nomination packets, including photographs, will become the property of OHP. Submission of photographs entitles OHP to copy, reproduce, use, and publish the photographs in promoting the awards program, or historic preservation in general, with appropriate identification of the project.

Submit nomination (one original copy) in a sealed envelope by mail or hand-delivered to:

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California Office of Historic Preservation  
Attention: Governor's Awards Program  
1725 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100  
Sacramento CA 95816-7100

Nominations must be postmarked (or hand-delivered) on or before May 11, 2012. Fax or email submissions will not be accepted. OHP reserves the right to limit the number of awards.

Questions concerning the awards program may be directed to Diane Thompson, Awards Program Coordinator, at (916) 445-7026 or [dthompson@parks.ca.gov](mailto:dthompson@parks.ca.gov).