

# 2025 INDUSTRY PROJECT AND PRODUCT AWARDS



**SFIA**  **AWARDS**

Details & Rules  
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### Overview and Judging Criteria

All projects must feature SFIA certified cold-formed steel (CFS) products to qualify for entry in the competition. Architects, engineers, manufacturers, distributors, contractors and others can enter projects, but they must be SFIA members to do so. A panel of industry representatives will judge entries using the following criteria.

**Applications must be submitted by 8:00pm ET on Friday June 27, 2025.**

Contact [Meredith Perez](#) with any questions.

#### **Award Categories:**

- Efficient use of cold-formed steel framing
- Conversion from another material to cold-formed steel framing
- Architectural design detail
- Sustainable project
- Size of job – Low rise (1-3 stories), Mid rise (4-7 stories), Super mid rise (8+ stories)
- Judging panel's choice
- NEW for 2025! Innovative Product

#### **Presentation:**

The judging panel will consider the following when they are evaluating project entries.

1. Photo quality: clear, bright, professional.
2. Photo captions quality: descriptive, but without naming specific companies or products
3. Narrative quality: compelling storytelling that describes the design quality, installation complexity, manufacturing complexity, overall job quality, the conversion from another material (if applicable) or any unique feature about the project that the judges should know.

#### **Deductions**

Submissions should be agnostic for the judges. Companies, product names and the project itself should not be named in any materials submitted. In your project descriptions, do NOT use:

- project name
- material brand names
- company name



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### Quality of the project:

1. Design Quality: Did this project make efficient use of CFS products? How did it maximize the strength to weight ratio of the CFS? Did it involve a value engineering solution, and if so what was that solution? Was it a LEED® project?
2. Installation Complexity: Was this a standard installation or were special means and methods required? Did installation conflicts have to be resolved, and if so how? Did the project require special equipment, a limited construction timeframe, work at special heights or involving other complex conditions?
3. Manufacturing Complexity: Were the materials custom made or were they modified standard pieces? Was panelization involved? Was special material sourcing and supply involved?
4. Overall Job Quality: How did the completed system turn out from the standpoint of alignments, finish, fulfillment of the design intent, etc.?
5. Conversion from Wood Framing (if applicable): How was conversion from wood to metal framing achieved? Did CFS framing lower the weight of the structure, enable the addition of more stories, save on builders risk insurance, provide schedule savings, or accomplish any other cost or quality comparison benefit for the project?

### Picture, Video and File Uploads

1. Please upload your project photos, videos and files in this section. Include images from during construction as well as completed project images. Reminder: blur out project or company names.
2. I understand that by uploading images, renderings and files, I grant permission to the Steel Framing Industry Association (SFIA) to use these images in any of their promotional materials, including but not limited to, use in presentations, case studies, on the CFSteel.org and BuildSteel.org websites, etc.

### Extra Consideration

The judges will use the following information as extra consideration when breaking a tie between projects.

- Did the project involve 3 or more SFIA member companies (including your own)? Members can be from any SFIA membership category.
- Was the SFIA Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) submitted for the project?



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## Terms and Conditions

1. All projects must feature SFIA certified cold-formed steel (CFS) products to qualify for entry in the competition.
2. All Innovative Products submitted must be an original offering from the SFIA member company or a product for which the SFIA member company holds exclusive manufacturing or distribution rights and must have been launched within the past 24 months.
3. All SFIA members are eligible to participate in the competition.
4. Applications must be submitted by 8:00pm ET on Friday June 28, 2024.
5. A winner and honorable mention can be awarded for each award category.
6. If suitable submissions are not received for each award category, a winner is not required to be determined. This decision will be at the judging panel's sole discretion.
7. Each submitted project is only eligible to win in 1 award category. Judges will determine most suitable award categories for each winning project.
8. By submitting images, videos, renderings and files, you are granting permission to the Steel Framing Industry Association (SFIA) to use these images in any of their promotional materials, including but not limited to, use in presentations, case studies, on the SteelFraming.org and BuildSteel.org websites, etc. If uploaded images, renderings and files come from other project partners or sources, you need to get their permission before submitting them.
9. It is the responsibility of the member submitting the project to ensure they have proper permissions to share the files submitted to the SFIA for use in promotional material.
10. By submitting an application, I understand and agree with all of the above terms and conditions and attest that all information contained within this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

**The ideal SFIA Awards submission, the one that garners the greatest attention and favor from the judges, includes:**

1. A complete narrative write up,
2. High-resolution construction photos and finish photos,
3. Design diagrams,
4. A video of the project during construction,
5. An SFIA EPD, and
6. At least two other SFIA members who also participated on the project.

[\*\*SUBMIT APPLICATION FORM\*\*](#)



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## Tips & Suggestions from the Judging Panel

Our Judges provided the following tips and suggestions for those entering projects that they feel will help a project stand out.

1. The visuals are key. Projects with high-quality, visually appealing photos, videos and renderings allow the judges to better evaluate the project.
2. With so many of our products getting closed into the walls, in-process construction images are very important. If possible, visit the job site multiple times during construction to capture the full process and progress. Finished shots of the project (or a rendering as a last resort) are also nice to see the end result.
3. The judges want to know the story behind the project. Please be as descriptive as possible in as many of the fields/prompts of the application form. The more context you can give about the project, the better.
4. Tell the judges what's unique about the project! Alternatively if there were challenges during the project, tell us how you overcame them. We want to celebrate you and the great work you do so tell us how hard you're working!

## New for 2025 – Innovative Product Award!

Have a game-changing product for CFS framing? We want to know! This year, we've added an Innovative Product category. You are able to submit products that have launched in the past 24 months.

## Links to articles about the 2024 Winners:

- [SFIA Unveils 9 Winners of the 2024 Industry Project Awards](#)
- [South Valley Drywall Wins SFIA Award for 'Bloom' at Denver Children's Museum](#)
- [T.J. Wies Contracting Wins SFIA Award for CFS-Framed Hospital Headwalls and Bathroom Pods](#)
- [ClarkDietrich Wins SFIA 'Sustainable Project' Award for Acrisure Arena](#)
- [Conversion to Steel: ADTEK Wins SFIA Award for Wagner College Locker Rooms](#)
- [Architectural Detail: Raymond Group Wins SFIA Award for 8th & Figueroa Tower in Los Angeles](#)
- [CEMCO Wins SFIA Award for LA High-Rise, Showcasing CFS's Cost and Time Efficiency](#)
- [ADTEK Engineers Wins SFIA Award for Mid-Rise, Mixed-Use Project in Cleveland](#)
- [CEMCO Wins SFIA Award for the Steel Framing at Denver's Wynkoop Street High-Rise](#)
- [ADTEK Engineers Wins SFIA Award for Volkswagen Headquarters](#)