

# RAINAWARDS SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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**Focus and Overall Theme:** performance and sustainability

**Type of Construction:** new or retrofit

**Number of Awards:** 2 in total (one award for each category: new construction or retrofit)

**Criteria for award revolves around:**

- Design: Uniqueness/ Innovative approaches/Clear and Concise Project documentation/Creativity and final design aesthetics
- Use of appropriate Rainscreen Components
- Sustainability
- Performance

**Submission Guidelines**

- You must be a current RAINA member in 2026.
- The project must have been completed when you were a RAINA member (if project was completed 2025).
- Project can be submitted to one (1) category only (new or retrofit). You may submit multiple different projects in the chosen category.
- Opaque walls are comprised of at least 50% rainscreen system.
- Project completed and/or occupied in 2025 or 2026.
- All submissions must be in an electronic format.
- All submissions must contain the following PDF files

This is a significant aspect of the project submission and will be used by the jury to understand the detailed narrative of the project that is not captured by the drawings. Projects without a written narrative will not be accepted. *It is important to provide evidence for this narrative in your submission of drawings, photos and supporting documentation.* This will significantly increase scoring as it validates the narrative summary.

Please address these questions:

**Design:**

1. What facade attributes make this design truly unique?
2. Why would we select this project for innovation?
3. Was an integrated rainscreen specification section used or were the different components specified individually?
4. Were there any unique or challenging details that made traditional rainscreen design difficult to achieve?

**Mandatory supporting submission: specifications and elevations, shop drawing details (if available), photos of the building at completion, if available, photos of the installation of various rain screen components.**

**Sustainability:**

1. Identify sustainable requirements that were incorporated on the project and how the design satisfied those requirements (ie. Meeting latest version of ASHRAE 90.1, recycled content requirements for materials, etc)
2. Did the building receive any award(s) for 3rd party recognition (like LEED, WELL, Net Zero, Net Zero Carbon, Living Building Challenge)?
3. What metrics were utilized to validate design goals?

**Supporting documentation: Certificate or form of evidence showing certification to green building program (if available), Product HPDs, Product EPDs.**

### **Performance**

1. How does the project demonstrate technical excellence and good building science principles?
2. Outline the quality assurance measures used during design and construction to verify the envelope's performance and long-term durability. This could include items such as performance testing for air and watertightness, was a mock-up provided, building enclosure commissioning, design review and red-line review, etc.)
3. What was the thermal performance of the system, and how did it exceed local jurisdictional requirements or energy code minimums?
4. *If the project is a retrofit, explain the specific building performance issues it resolved and how the solution addressed those challenges.*

**Supporting documentation: If available, test reports, modelling reports, etc.**

### **Construction**

1. What was the project timeline, schedule, and budget?
2. Please describe any unique challenges that were overcome during the construction process.
3. Were any innovative construction processes or techniques implemented prior to project onset?
4. Please provide a list of contractors that worked on the project.

### **Application form to include:**

- Project name and address
- Name of Design Professional
- Name of Owner
- Name of Construction Manager
- Name of rainscreen components:
  - Cladding
  - Cladding Attachment
  - Insulation
  - Air/Water Resistive Barrier
  - Other:
- Name of sub-trades for each component of material
- Year of substantial completion
- Year of design completion
- Total cost of construction
- Total building area in sq. ft

- Total opaque wall area in sq. ft
- Project type (new or retrofit)
- Number of stories
- Climate zone
- Building code that was used (i.e. IECC, ASHRAE, state energy code)
- Questions identified in submission guidelines
- Checklist matrix for supporting documentation

**Photo set:**

- High resolution photos (300 dpi recommended as minimum) of the completed project are desirable.
- Include photos of the project from different elevations.
- Interesting angles and close-up shots are recommended, if available.
- Include photos of the site that show the project in its immediate context.
- Photos should be formatted on 8.5 x 11 sized page.
- Photos should have a release form to use in public by project team and/or individual that took photo.

**Matrix for Assessment**

<b>New Construction</b>	<b>Weighting (in percentage)</b>
<b>Design</b>	
Innovation and Creativity	10
Clear and Concise Construction Documents	10
Final Design Aesthetics	10
<b>Sustainability</b>	
Project Strategies that Reduced the Negative Impact of Building on the Environment	15
<b>Performance</b>	
Did it Solve a Problem for the Owner? (for retrofit). Did it have challenging constraints to overcome? Did it overcome those constraints?	15
Did it meet or exceed performance expectations? How was that performance demonstrated?	25
<b>Construction Management</b>	
Integration of Sub-Trades	10
Schedule of Opaque Wall Met Defined Requirements	5
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	<b>100</b>

**Jury of Judges:**

Integrated design approach: one Raina trade contractor, one Raina architect and one external architect, one Raina consultant, one external individual (maximum 5).

**How projects will be judged?**

- Each juror fills out the matrix with blind vote.
- Administration combines scores from jurors and uses average in final score calculation.

**Recognition:**

- Award will be presented and submitting company will be recognized at RAINA fall 2026 conference
- Digital book with each project, consisting of project details and photos – added to RAINA website.
- Free pass to conference for architect, general contractor/construction manager, owner and for the main submitter or identified representative.
- Social media for each project award.
- Press release to media.
- Digital marketing assets for project team, along with individual component manufacturers for each awarded project
- Video of award ceremony to be provided to winners.