



Special Achievement of the Year Finalists

Chicago Architecture Center (CBRE)

Farm on Ogden (Booth Hansen)

Navy Pier (Gensler)

2019 Category Criteria

Nominations for this category can be made on behalf of individuals, companies or institutions that have made a significant contribution to the 15-county Chicago metropolitan statistical area (MSA) within the Calendar Year 2018. Please identify potential candidates that have demonstrated a positive impact on the community through a transaction, project or directive involving land, buildings, public area, diversity initiatives or other general uses within the real estate field. Community is defined as a neighborhood area or the region as a whole.

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Nominee

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Executive Summary

Chicago is renowned for its architectural legacy. The new Chicago Architecture Center gives that legacy a worthy place to call home.

Gordon Gill of Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill designed the CAC with a blend of form and function. A glass façade frames exhibits inside, attracting visitors as they come down the Magnificent Mile. Chicago Tribune’s Pulitzer Prize-winning architecture critic, Blair Kamin, called the new CAC “the latest jewel in Chicago’s architectural crown.” That crown has a halo effect; the museum ranked third in USA Today’s 2018 “Best New Attraction” competition, giving a boost to the city as a whole.

Best of all, this project turned one of the city’s hidden gems into a high-profile museum. For the first time, Chicago’s champions of architecture can mount museum-quality exhibitions with paid admission. As a bonus, the new CAC is across from the dock for the popular architectural river cruises—convenient for a post-tour stop at the museum or gift shop. The added revenues help build a solid foundation for the future of the CAC and support for its many educational and environmental programs.

Creating the new Chicago Architecture Center was a labor of love—love for the legacy of design that means so much to the city. Because of this project, Chicago has a new museum to promote tourism to the city. It has a new platform to promote buildings that protect the environment. And it has a new center to showcase the power of great architecture.



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Farm on Ogden

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Executive Summary

Located in the North Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago, the Farm on Ogden is a joint project of the Chicago Botanic Garden's Windy City Harvest and Lawndale Christian Health Center. Together, these groups looked to develop facilities that would serve a struggling community.

The renovation of a bowstring truss building respects the neighborhood's history while providing space for an indoor market, classrooms, kitchens, and office space. Inside, glass doors lead to the new greenhouses. These greenhouses feature aquaponics and hydroponics systems, allowing vegetables and tilapia to be grown year-round, expanding upon the programming of the existing youth garden. Out front, a new parking plaza creates an exterior public gathering space for employees and farmers markets. Each component of the Farm on Ogden was designed to cultivate the community using food.

In addition to providing much-needed access to fresh produce, the new facilities allow Windy City Harvest to train for year-round jobs in the agriculture and food industries. Classes are offered to teach local residents about food preparation and healthy eating habits, while the VeggieRX program delivers medically-necessary nutrition. These programs, normally supported by grants and donations, have expanded with the income from the sale of food produced.

The Farm on Ogden is a central part of Lawndale Christian Health Center's plan to revitalize and develop the surrounding neighborhood. Daily operations of the farm are on display to the community through glass windows spanning the front of the market building. A formerly derelict space has been transformed into an active, beautiful place.



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Navy Pier, Inc.

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Executive Summary

In 2011, as Navy Pier approached its centennial, Navy Pier Inc., the newly-formed nonprofit organization, was tasked with refreshing the Pier and enhancing its status as the People's Pier. This needed to be done while solidifying its financial sustainability for generations to come. The mission was clear: Transform the Pier into a year-round public place that attracts both visitors to the city and residents alike. The "theme park" tenor of the Pier would be muted. Navy Pier would be repositioned as a world-class public venue focused on celebrating and showcasing the vitality of Chicago. With valuable input and scores from Chicagoans, Navy Pier, Inc., JLL, and Gensler developed a multi-layered, mixed-use vision that prioritizes connections while building upon Navy Pier's brand recognition.

The Fifth Third Bank Family Pavilion is at the doorstep of everything the Pier has to offer to its over 9 million visitors annually. Envisioned through this renovation, it provides a welcoming, authentic, and iconic celebration of Chicago. The project influences all measures of visitors, starting locally by bringing together a diverse world-class city to the same, shared space. Along with its connection to history via Burnham's legacy and Navy Pier's Centennial Plan, a contemporary vibe meeting today's diverse entertainment needs, the Family Pavilion sets the tone for the future of civic recreation.

