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FEBRUARY 2009 CHAPTER MEETING

"LED Lighting in Construction" in New and Remodel Facilities



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Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2009
Location: Location: **Juanita's Party Room**
Time: 5:30 pm Social
6:15 pm **Dinner** and Meeting
Seminar 7:00 pm Seminar
Cost: \$28 Dinner and Seminar
\$10 Seminar only

Presented by Jim Saldivar, Malstrom White Company

Jim Saldivar, with Malmstrom White, will deliver a presentation that will address the status of LED technologies today (lamps, LED drivers, and packaging of products), energy savings (integration of electric and daylighting), tax benefits associated with energy reductions, and applications of LED products (interior and exterior).

Learning Units: 1 LU/HSW, 1 PDH, 1 CEH, 0.1 CEU

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February Monthly Meeting

Tabletop for February Meeting: ASCO Hardware

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January Monthly Meeting held jointly with ASHRAE

The January joint meeting with ASHRAE Arkansas, held at the Next Level Events, was very successful, with a turnout that filled the room. A big thank you goes to Rich Roe, Chairman of PIMA Technical Committee for giving an interesting and informative presentation on the "Economic Advantages of Building Beyond the Code."

Thank you Rich !

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February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <i>Board Meeting</i>	5	6	7
8	9	10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i>	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>CSI competition deadline</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Spring exam registration deadline</i>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KELLY PHILLIPS, CSI

Thanks to those who attended the January joint meeting with ASHRAE. The meeting was full of information and warm bodies.

Buckle up as the Fun is now beginning. Certification classes are soon to start the end of January and if you are interested or know of anyone interested, please contact Michael Sanders or Doyle Phillips for further information. These classes and tests are the Meat and Potatoes of our organization. Without education, we will be stuck in the same spot, going nowhere.

Also, don't forget Region Conference in Ocean Springs, MS, May 15th and 16th. There are some region and national changes to be implemented soon, so you'll want to know the scoop.



ALSO, LR Chapter is hosting the Leadership Meeting in August. Start practicing your Rock Band as we want to beat the pants off those other chapters at Friday night's opening celebration!! This is where the chapters officers and leaders find out exactly what's in store for them the coming year.

WANTED: LR Chapter Awards chair. Our precious Billy Mathis will be retiring from our chapter awards to co-chair the Region Awards Committee. He is ready to show you the ropes and help you get started. Call him!!! He's waiting for you.

See you at February's meeting!!!

Kelly Phillips

President, LR Chapter CSI



Little Rock Chapter of The Construction Specification Institute

Summary of minutes from the January 7, 2009 board meeting by **Clark Wood, CSI, CCCA**

January Board Meeting

Quorum—yes

Treasurers Report—Approved.

Academic Affairs—We have scholarships to give. We need to start working on notifying schools and members.

Awards—Award nominations are ready to be sent. We need to set a date and find a location for the banquet.

Certification—No report.

Education—Schedule of classes are still good. We need registration forms.

Fundraising/Golf Tournament—Need to verify that all final invoices have been sent.

Publications/Newsletter—Still reminding people to get articles in by the 15th. Need more advertisers.

Membership—No report.

Planning—No report.

Programs—February will be LED lighting. Joint meeting with NAWIC. Working on location. Keith West will be here.

Leadership Conference - Start calling potential sponsors by the end of January. Kelly will start looking at individuals to help in specific tasks.

Next Board Meeting—February 4, 2009 at ASCO.

Education Update

By Michael L. Sanders, CSI, CCS, CCCA, MAI; LRCSI Education Chair

THE LITTLE ROCK CHAPTER CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE PRESENTS

Seminar Series 1

“CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT FUNDAMENTALS AND FORMATS”

The Little Rock Chapter CSI (LRCSI) will sponsor Seminar Series 1 of the Construction Practice Series: Documentation, Representation, and Administration, entitled “Construction Document Fundamentals And Formats,” which is scheduled to begin February 2, 2009. Classes will meet every other Saturday (Feb. 7, Feb. 21, Mar. 7 & Mar. 21) on the campus of UALR, ETAS Building Room 233, from 8:00am to 3:30pm. The registration cost for the complete seminar series is \$180.00 (\$120.00 for LRCSI Members) and includes seminar handouts. (The Project Resource Manual must be purchased separately.) Each daily seminar may also be attended individually for continuing education purposes. The registration cost for each individual Saturday session (6 credit hours each) is \$75.00.

This seminar series is excellent as a study aid for the CDT Examination, as well as serving for basic employee training, and as an informative Continuing Education offering. 24 educational contact hours are available (24 AIA LU HSW, 24 PDH, 24 CEH, 2.4 CEU)

Seminar Series 4

“BASIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION”

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CERTIFICATIONS

Doyle Phillips, CCCA, CPE, CPC, Certifications Chair, LRCSI

Time to Register for Spring Certification Exams

Mark Your Calendars!

March 30 – April 4, 2009 – 2009 Spring National Exam

Spring 2009 National Exam Update

All exams – CDT, CCS, CCCA, and CCPR – will be administered computer-based at Prometric test centers, March 30, 2009 to April 4, 2009. Registration will be available via CSINet www.csinet.org/certification. A paper application form is also available by contacting Doyle Phillips CCCA, CPE, CPC at dphillips@baldwinshell.com or by phone at 501-374-8677.

Applicants will receive a separate notification approximately two months prior to the exam with detailed instructions how to schedule their Prometric test center appointment. To view the available Prometric test sites, visit the Prometric website at <http://www.prometric.com/CSI/default.htm>. Select "Locate a Testing Center". You do not need to be registered for an exam to view the available test sites.

Spring 2009 Exam Source Material Update

All exams in 2009 will reflect the updated 2007 versions of the AIA and EJCDC source documents. AIA comparison documents can be downloaded for free at www.aiacontractdocuments.org/resource_tools

2009 exams will also be updated for 2007 versions of PageFormat and SectionFormat. 2009 Exam Study Guides, which will be available with the opening of registration for the Spring 2009 National Exam, will outline all exam source materials. Note: The Fall 2008 CDT Exam will continue to use the 1997 AIA and EJCDC source documents.

Ordering Source Materials

The PRM is available online at www.csinet.org/projectresourcemanual. You can place bulk orders for The Project Resource Manual-CSI Manual of Practice for certification study programs. Chapters receive a 10-30% discount off the CSI member price when ordering in bulk. Contact Member Services at 800-689-2900 (M-F, 8:30am - 6pm ET) for details. Contact the American Institute of Architects for AIA source materials at (800) 365-2724 / http://www.aia.org/docs_default and the National Society of Professional Engineers for EJCDC source materials at (703) 684-2800 / <http://www.nspe.org/ejcdc/index.html>.

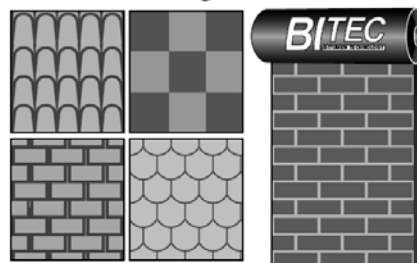
LRCSI will host seminars early next year to assist in exam preparation. Further details on these courses will be released in the near future.

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CURMUDGEON'S CORNER; ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA

fad: short-lived fashion, something that is embraced very enthusiastically for a short time, especially by many people; passing fashion; craze; an interest followed with exaggerated zeal

Since the green design movement appeared, I have been curious about how long it would last. As alluded to in my introductory column, I already have experienced a couple of energy crises in my life. Recent "crises" generally are recognized to have occurred in 1973, 1979, 1990, and 2004. In each crisis, oil prices increased dramatically, resulting in discussion, and sometimes implementation, of price controls, windfall profit taxes, reduced speed limits, and gas rationing.

Consumers blamed everyone and everything: the President, congress, republicans or democrats or both, foreign governments, automobile manufacturers, oil companies, and anyone or anything related to oil - except their own consumption. "I'll walk before I pay fifty cents a gallon for gas!" was later replaced with "...before I pay a dollar a gallon," soon followed by "a buck fifty," and more recently by "two dollars" and "three dollars." Each time, we modified our habits by driving slower, avoiding unnecessary trips, ride sharing, and so on. And each time, all of that was forgotten as soon as the cost of oil dipped long enough for us to accept what only recently had been intolerable prices.

In our current crisis, we have seen the same sequence of events. Gasoline went over three dollars per gallon, and we all started saving again. We complained because Detroit had failed to give us the economical cars we needed, even though we had been buying ever larger and less economical vehicles at a rate that was a clear mandate for more of the same. And as soon as prices dropped, sales of SUVs and other gas guzzlers began to climb again.

Driving wasn't the only thing that was affected. In each crisis we also saw increased interest in underground housing, super insulated buildings, geodesic domes, solar collectors, heat pumps, composting toilets, windmills, fluorescent lights, water saving plumbing fixtures, backyard gardens, and more. And as soon as oil prices dropped, all of these innovations were forgotten.

Part of the problem is that we're lazy; we grab anything that makes our lives more convenient, regardless of environmental cost. Another part of the problem is that we are fed a steady diet of new, improved, better, faster, cleaner, whiter, brighter, cooler, more stylish products and things to do, and we are no longer interested in yesterday's news.

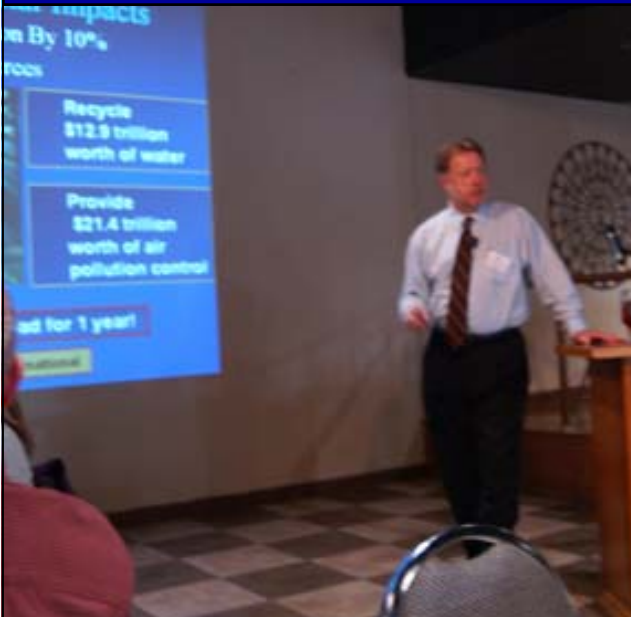
What will happen to green design? I suspect we'll soon tire of hearing green this and sustainable that - they already make me want to scream - and the companies that now are doing all they can to convince us of their environmental commitment will jump onto the next fad, even if it is counter to what they are now doing.

This time, fortunately, at least some of the principles of green design have become requirements of federal, state, and local government, and the longer green stays in our consciousness, the more permanent those changes will be. But will the current economic slump be seen as a reason to return to old practices? Given the choice between increasing the cost of building by requiring better construction, or relaxing requirements to save money for the average taxpayer, will our elected representatives think first of the next election?

It's easy to believe that logic will prevail, but political decisions rarely are based on logic or science. We have shown a remarkable ability to ignore even those things that can be shown to save money immediately or in a short time, when they are inconvenient or un-cool. Need an example? How about high-mileage cars, more insulation, better windows, and better HVAC systems? All have been available for many years, yet we persist in choosing less efficient alternatives.

After ignoring their obligation to building owners for decades, architects now are taking an interest in efficient buildings. Let us hope that interest continues, and isn't displaced by the next architectural fad.

JANUARY MEETING JOINT WITH ASHRAE 2009



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**A Message From Our Industry Director—Gulf States Region
Region Update by M. Keith West, CSI, CCPR**

Note from the weary traveler.

Greetings to all. The above title is based on the fact that at the time I am composing this note for your newsletter, I have just returned from a short drive from my hometown, Ridgeland, Mississippi to your hometown, Little Rock, Arkansas. Not only did I make the drive up, joined you guys for lunch, and turned around and made the drive back. A total round trip of 456 miles, to be precise. Left at 5:10 am and returned at 6:30 pm. Full day to say the least. Now needing to compose this while still fresh in my mind, or better yet, before I forget and have Cindy shooting me a note telling me I am late with my note. So here it is, for what it is worth.

On a very serious note & tone, thank you so much for allowing me to visit at your lunch meeting. It is always a pleasure to visit with my CSI friends, but especially you guys. Over the years, I have grown quite fond of many of your members and consider them to be friends in a level WAY over CSI. Personal friends that I have, that just happen to also be a common member of this organization. Friendships that will last a life time. So with that said, it was a pleasure to see them, but also a pleasure to meet some new members of your chapter. The meeting presentation was very informative, and by what I see in your monthly newsletters, this is another fine job done by your Program Chairman, Lori Hagen. Take the time to thank her for her efforts. These programs, even if they do not apply directly to your expertise, provide information and education that all can find useful. So take advantage of these programs to increase your construction knowledge. Also, thank you to Richard Roe for the fine presentation.

Also, both thanks and congratulations for the joint meeting with the Arkansas Chapter of ASHRAE. These types of meetings provide an excellent avenue for introducing and possibly involving other construction people in our organization. Ask them to attend another meeting and see the direct advantages of CSI and what it has to offer them. As I have said before, every CSI member that benefits from this organization is the best membership committee member that we have. Promote this organization and its benefits to your guests. Don't allow them to visit just once. Close the deal.

I was, as always, impressed with the operation and activities in the Little Rock Chapter. It has always been impressive, but the current leadership is doing an excellent job of offering all sorts of things for its members. Upcoming certification classes, monthly programs with continuing education provided, golf tournaments, joint meetings with other construction organizations (ASHRAE & NAWIC) & much more. If you have never been involved in anything but attending these functions, stop and think about the benefits that are provided for you, and consider offering to assist those individuals who are putting all of this together. Your assistance would both be welcome and appreciated. You get more out of being involved, I promise.

Upcoming events include the Specification Competition, which you can find information on the Region website, and the Region Conference in May in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Find something to enter into the Specification Competition from you or your firm. Join us in Ocean Springs for education, celebration, fellowship, and just good old southern fun and hospitality. You will not be disappointed.

It was mentioned during the meeting that your own chapter is hosting the Leadership Meeting in August of 2009. Billy Mathis has been very busy preparing for this upcoming event. Not only recently, but for an extended period of time. He and his committee have been very busy, but would certainly welcome any additional participation from the membership. While there is work involved, it is fun in the process, and always a welcome relief and genuine satisfaction when the event culminates. So step up and offer Billy your assistance. I don't expect anything but the best due to the committee's efforts. And you will not be disappointed either. So step up and help with this effort.

Thanks again for allowing me to stop by and visit. Enough rambling for the time being. Have homework to deal with trying to prepare for tomorrow. No rest for the weary, but then again, I have long contended that we are all in the same boat; too much to do, and not enough time to do it in. So stay steady with your efforts.

Little Rock CSI members, keep up the not good, but great work that you are doing. It is admired and appreciated by many. Take care and be safe. Let me know if I can do anything to assist any of you.

Keith



Awards Corner

By Billy Mathis, CSI, CDT

CHAPTER AWARDS TIME AGAIN

Do you know someone in the Chapter that you feel deserves recognition for his or her service? Is there someone out there who epitomizes how a Chapter Member or Officer should conduct themselves? Is there someone out there who has been there for you throughout the year – teaching you – supporting you – helping you to grow as a CSI Member? If there is, please nominate them for a Chapter Award.

It is not too early to start thinking of who you would like to see garner the attention of the whole Chapter by receiving an award. Come out and support your nominee or nominees. See them get their Award and be there to cheer them on. Who knows, someone may have nominated you for an Award. Could be a surprising night. Come join us.

More information will be forthcoming on when and where.

Here are the categories of the Awards available for nomination this year:

CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD – *This award is presented to outgoing chapter board members, officers, and committee chairmen at the end of their term of service to the chapter.*

CHAPTER ORGANIZATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION - *This award is presented to an organization, firm, or association that has rendered significant service to the chapter in the advancement of its objectives or in its administration*

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - *This award is presented to an individual who has rendered distinguished service to the chapter in the advancement of its objectives or in its administration and who has not been a member of CSI for more than 18 consecutive months.*

MEMBER OF THE YEAR - *This award is presented to an individual who, above all other chapter members, has rendered distinguished service to the chapter in the advancement of its objectives or in its administration.*

CHAPTER CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION “JOB WELL DONE” AWARD - *This award is presented to an individual who has rendered significant service beyond that expected of a member to the chapter in the advancement of the Chapter’s objectives or in the Chapter’s administration..*

CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE “LEADING THE WAY” AWARD – *This award is presented to an individual who has rendered distinguished service to the chapter in the advancement of its objectives or in its administration.*

LEO JOSEPH HIEGEL PRESIDENT'S AWARD - *Presented to any member of the Chapter for distinguished contributions to the chapter. The President of the Chapter selects and presents this award.*

ALBERT R. HIBBS MEDAL - *For loyal and dedicated service to the Chapter through contributions to CSI at Chapter, Region or Institute levels. This is the highest award the Chapter gives to a member. Note: (This award solicits nominations from the Chapter, and then is judged by a jury of past recipients)*

BETTY C. HAYS MEDAL - *This award is presented to an individual who has been identified as living up to the Ideals and Standards actively displayed by Betty Hays, FCSI, CCS, SCIP. While this is a Chapter Award, contributions to CSI can be at all levels (Chapter, Region, and/or Institute). “Leading by Example”, this individual will be one recognized throughout the Chapter, Region and even Institute for Chapter Activities and is one who is considered a “Primary Support Pillar”.*

Arkansas Building Authority

Construction Newsletter

2008 ABA Minimum Standards and Criteria Update

Several changes were made to the ABA MSC that took effect September 2008. This newsletter is a brief review of these changes. Additional information regarding these issues may be provided by contacting the ABA Construction Section at 682-5574 or via our website at arkansasbuildingauthority.com.

Summary of Minimum Standards and Criteria Changes

- The general layout of the Section's within the MSC was revised. The Construction Section rules are now contained within Section Three.
- Updated rules to reflect legislative changes noted in our August 2007 Newsletter.
- Revisions regarding clean-up language and for uniformity:
 - Submit four original signature documents with backup for new contracts, change orders, substantial completion, and final completion documents.
 - Submission timeframes were made to be consistent. For example work days were changed to business days, etc.
 - Updated rules to conform with current policy and procedures. (example: SBS changed to ABA).
 - Revised the responsibility of disbursing fully executed contracts to the State Agency. The State Agency will disburse the capital improvement contracts to the Contractor and Design Professional.
 - Decreased the minimum amount of bidders for emergency work from four to three. However, we recommend agencies exceed this requirement whenever possible to stimulate the competitive process.
- For scheduling purposes, revised the amount of advanced notice required to be given to the Construction Section Inspector's to five calendar days prior to the date of any construction related meetings.
- Section 3-324 provides clarification regarding qualification of contractors. This section describes the Owner's responsibility and the type of criteria to review to determine if the lowest apparent bidder is the lowest responsible bidder prior to the award of the contract.
- Section 3-406 was revised to clarified Design Professional and Contractor responsibilities: The Design Professional shall issue a notice to proceed. Within ten (10) business days after the decision to proceed, the general contractor shall submit a complete breakdown of the project cost (schedule of values) and project schedule to the Design Professional who in turn shall provide such to the Construction Section. No payment shall be made to the contractor until the breakdown of project costs and project schedule are provided. The Contractor shall deliver to the Owner and Construction Section a copy of the Contract and Grant Disclosure Statement along with a statement of the listed Subcontractor's contract amounts.
- Section 3-500 Project Closeout: The CD Rom content to be provided to the Agency and Construction Section by the Design Professional has been revised. The Design Professional shall provide the following:
 - Complete bid proposals of all bidders;
 - Substantive correspondence relating to the project;
 - Complete pay applications and design professional inspection reports and photos;
 - Manuals, specification books;
 - All contractor warranty and equipment warranty documents;
 - Inspection and permit documents issued by Federal or State entities with approvals and/acceptance of Work;
 - All record documents; and
 - All equipment and system inspection and acceptance documents.
- Section 3-318 Contractor's Insurance Requirements: This section was revised to reflect current insurance terminology and minimum dollar amounts of insurance coverage. Pollution liability coverage was added to the requirements for all projects where this coverage would be applicable. The Owner is still required to set insurance coverage amounts for projects in excess of the minimum as needed to meet the desires of the Agency.

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Sprinklers, energy efficiency key changes to 2009 *International Residential Code*

The 2009 edition of the *International Residential Code* (IRC), available in March, includes new requirements for sprinklers and energy efficiency. It also includes new standards for building homes in high-wind regions, and constructing community and residential storm shelters.

Jurisdictions that adopt the 2009 IRC will apply the most modern, scientific and comprehensive building safety provisions available to save lives and protect property. The IRC, developed and published by the International Code Council, is adopted at the state or local level in 48 states and Washington, D.C.

The IRC combines all building, plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas, energy and electrical provisions for one- and two-family residences and townhouses into one comprehensive code that is compatible with all I-Codes. To pre-purchase the 2009 *International Codes*, go to <http://www.iccsafe.org/2009icodes>.

New safety features in the 2009 IRC include:

- Fire sprinklers required in all new one- and two-family residences beginning Jan. 1, 2011.
- Fire sprinklers in all new townhomes when the code is adopted.
- Carbon monoxide alarms required in new construction dwelling units with fuel-fired appliances, and in existing homes where interior alterations include fuel-fired appliance replacements or attached garages.
- New guidelines for the design and construction of homes in high wind regions, based on the International Code Council's *Standard for Residential Construction in High Wind Regions*, ICC 600.
- New guidelines for the design and construction of storm shelters, based on the new International Code Council/National Storm Shelter Association (NSSA) *Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters*, ICC 500-2008.

Energy-efficient upgrades in the 2009 IRC include:

- Programmable thermostats in new homes and buildings with forced air furnaces.
- High-efficiency light bulbs in at least 50% of permanent lighting fixtures in new homes.
- Maximum fenestration U-factors are lowered in warmer climates to reduce the amount of heat loss or gain through windows and doors to lower energy costs during cooling periods.
- An increase in insulation R-values for walls, floors and basements in cold climates to achieve heating and cooling savings.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states choose the International Codes, building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.

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2009 Gulf States Region CSI Competition

CSI's Gulf States Region CSI Competition has recognized and rewarded technical excellence in written construction documentation and other categories related to Construction. You may enter "anything" in the Other Presentations and Creative Ideas (CATEGORY Z), as long as it is related to Construction. (Previous entries have included books, books on CD, computer programs, documentation of the work of a Mexican Architect, walk-throughs, Historic Surveys and even a town plaza). Look at what other participants have accomplished in the past 6 years:

235	Entries
37	Honor Awards
142	Total Awards

We are especially excited about opening our competition to "students" again this year and judging them along with all other entries (see below). **Remember, you can't win if you don't enter!**

To see some of the winners from the 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 Gulf States Region CSI Competitions, go to:
<http://earchitect.tripod.com/competiton/index.html>

2009 Gulf States CSI COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

CATEGORY A - Project Manuals:

Requirements: Three (3) copies of each entry. Limit one free entry per person in this category. Additional entries are \$75 each.

CATEGORY B - Manufacturer's Product Binders:

Requirements: Three (3) copies of each entry. Limit one entry per person in this category.

CATEGORY C - Outline Specifications, Short Form Specifications, & Preliminary Project Descriptions:

Requirements: Three (3) copies of each entry. Limit one free entry per person in this category. Additional entries are \$75 each.

CATEGORY W - Models:

Requirements: At least three (3) photographs each of the overall model, one or two details; and a check for \$75* with each entry.

CATEGORY X - Renderings:

Requirements: Submit one copy of each rendering and a check for \$75* with each entry.

CATEGORY Y - Websites:

Types: This can be anything including the website of an individual, a design firm, a manufacturer, an association, or an organization.

Requirements: Submit a one page letter giving the URL any other information you would like the judges to consider and a check for \$75* with each entry.

CATEGORY Z - Other Presentations and Creative Ideas:

Types: This can be anything from a report to a walk through - anything you are proud of and would like to share with the design community. It can be as simple as a building detail or as complicated as a design-build proposal for a multi-story building that you feel was well presented. An unusual, but acceptable, entry would be software to automatically co-ordinate CAD and Specifications. An entry CAN NOT be the design of an entire building (there are design awards for this type of entry) nor a complete set of working drawings.

Requirements: Three (3) copies and a check for \$75* with each entry. Call if the entry is not a printed document or is more than 100 pages.

2009 Gulf States Region CSI Competition—Continued

STUDENTS:

Students are encouraged to enter any work they have done. Student entries will be judged along with all other entries. The project can be hypothetical. If there are 5 or more student entries, there will be a cash award of \$250.00 for the best student entry. If 12 or more students enter, there will be an additional second place award of \$150.00. A student's work in a team project is acceptable (include a note of exactly what you did along with the names and addresses of the other team members).

* = The first entry (in Categories W, X, Y, and Z) for each student is free and each additional entry is \$25 (in lieu of \$75). A student must be registered at a University in pursuit of a professional degree.

AWARD LEVELS:

- **Honor Award:** CSI's highest award, recognizing outstanding achievement.
- **Honorable Mention:** Exceptional entries with limited deficiencies.
- **Merit Award:** Entries that use new or unusual approaches or handle specific conditions in a particularly effective manner.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- You do not have to be a member of The Construction Specification Institute to submit an entry.
- Entries must have been produced after January 1, 2007; however, entries in Categories W, X, Y, and Z do not have a time limit.
- Deadline for submittals is **Monday, February 16, 2009** postmark.
- Make check (for each entry in Categories W, X, Y or Z) payable to "Gulf States Region CSI." (Multiple entries will be accepted)
- Decision of the judges will be final.
- Entries will not be returned. CSI GSR will not be responsible for lost or damaged entries.
- Winning entries will receive one award framed certificate. Additional certificates and frames are available for a nominal fee.
- Awards will be presented at the Gulf States Region CSI Conference Awards in April, 2009.

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