



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES - 2010

TRASA / TGCPD - ACCESSIBILITY AWARDS PROGRAM

A Joint Program of the Texas Registered Accessibility Specialists Association and the Texas Governor's Committee on Peoples With Disabilities



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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: By 4:00 pm, Monday – 12 July 2010
The Annual Accessibility Awards Program recognizes outstanding design and construction projects that are subject to application of the Texas Accessibility Standards, as monitored by a Registered Accessibility Specialist that is a member in good standing of the Texas Registered Accessibility Specialists Association.

★ **Regional awards ceremonies will be held in San Antonio Area on Friday – 13th of August; in Dallas on Friday – 20th of August; and, in Houston on Friday the 28th of August of 2010.**

★ **The Statewide awards ceremony will be held on the evening of Thursday – 20 January 2011, during the TRASA Annual Convention in Austin, Texas.**

AWARD CATEGORIES MAY INCLUDE:

- A Public Accommodation - A new or renovated building or facility used by the public that uses funds from the state or a county, municipality or, other political subdivision of the state;**
- A Public Accommodation - A new or renovated lease space within a building or facility that is leased, in whole or in part, by the state under a lease or rental agreement;**
- A Private building or facility constructed, renovated or modified that is subject to the TAS as follows:**
 - An inn, hotel, motel, or other place of lodging;**
 - A restaurant, bar, or other establishment serving food or drinks;**
 - A motion picture house, theater, concert hall, stadium or other place of exhibition or entertainment;**
 - An auditorium, convention center, lecture hall, or other place of public gathering;**
 - A bakery, grocery store, clothing store, hardware store, shopping center, or other sales or rental establishment;**
 - A laundromat, dry-cleaner, bank, barber shop, beauty shop, travel service, shoe repair service, funeral parlor, gas station, office of an accountant or lawyer, pharmacy, insurance office, professional office of a healthcare provider, hospital, or other service establishment;**
 - A terminal, depot, or other station used for specified public transportation;**
 - A park, zoo, amusement park, or other place of recreation;**
 - A museum, library, gallery, or other place of public display or collection;**

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- A nursery, elementary, secondary, undergraduate, or postgraduate private school, or other place of education;
- A day-care center, senior citizen center, homeless shelter, food bank, adoption agency, or other social service center establishment;
- and, A gymnasium, health spa, bowling alley, golf course, or other place of exercise or recreation.
- A new building, or a “first-time” interior finishout of a Commercial / intended for non-residential use and operations project that affects commerce;
- New or renovated buildings or facilities of a religious organization that are subject to the Act (except “specific areas of religious ritual” that are exempt – if the church body goes on record requesting such an exemption).

APPLICABLE PROJECTS:

Accessibility Awards will be considered for projects completed and inspected by 01.01.2010 and located within the State of Texas. A project can be nominated either by the property owner, by a TRASA Member RAS, or by another individual or group - such as an organization, a building contractor, or a design professional (architect, interior designer, professional engineer and / or a landscape architect) - that has used a TRASA member for the State of Texas required accessibility plan review and inspection services.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES:

Nominations must be submitted using the [TRASA / TGCPD Nomination Form](#) (see following page). The Form should include a project summary and photographs. If nominating more than one project, please submit each entry separately.

Please ensure that the following information is included in your “electronic” submission:

- All materials must be clearly identified with the name/address of the nominated project.
- Appropriate credit must be given to project participants.
- Photographs: Submit ten, but no more than twenty photos of the project. High resolution (minimum of 400 dpi), quality electronic digital photos (.jpeg) will be accepted. Please include both exterior and interior photos, focusing on the outstanding accessibility elements that make the property “user-friendly” to the disabled community. All photo images should be labeled (i.e., front entry, east side of building, main stairwell, etc.) and please include a credit line for publication. “Before” and “after photos of renovated project are strongly encouraged. All images should be in focus with proper exposure.
- All “electronic” materials must be must be submitted by e-mail.



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SUBMISSION:

Please submit your nomination to Fred Cawyer @ fredcawyer@aol.com or physically mail all required information on a CD to TRASA - Attention: Shirley Knox, 3355 Bee Cave Road, Suite 301B / Austin, TX 78746. Submissions must arrive by By 4:00 pm, Monday – 12 July 2010. All submissions become the property of TRASA and will not be returned. The nominator grants permission for materials to be used by TRASA and the State Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities for presentation and publicity purposes.

★ **ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED WILL BE CONSIDERED***

All entries will be judged by a five (5) person jury panel consisting of at least three (3) TRASA Member RAS's and two (2) representatives from the Governor's Council. Nominations will be evaluated based on the application of the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS). Please visit www.license.state.tx.us for details. Evaluation and selection criteria include but are not limited to: Sensitivity to the disability community; compliant design and construction integrity of the property and its accessibility features; craftsmanship; and, impact of the project on the end-users. Award nominees and winners will be notified prior to the public announcement of the awards.

GOAL – To honor some of the most accessible construction projects in Texas.

Please provide the required information via e-mail or physically to the TRASA Executive Office in Austin, Texas by: 12 July 2010 @ 4:00pm

PLEASE RETURN NOMINATION FORMS TO:

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