



Applications Due: Thursday, June 15, 2017

Please download application, complete and return to northtexas@uli.org

The Urban Land Institute has a strong national reputation for its awards in support of transformative land use developments, best real estate practices, and creative visioning. In 2017, the North Texas District Council will hold its third annual **Impact Awards Event** to spotlight visionary developers and outstanding developments in our region. We will present the Impact Awards and celebrate the career and community commitment of **Herb Weitzman** at this year's Impact Awards Gala, being held on **October 3, 2017** at **Union Station**. Click [HERE](#) to view our Save the Date!

All submissions must be received in the format described on the application form attached below by **June 15, 2017**. Submissions may be made by the owner, developer, architect, engineer or other professionals, but (a) each project may only be submitted once and (b) any joint submissions must designate a single contact person. You do not need to be a ULI member in order to submit an application and compete.

Projects that have been submitted in the past, but that did not receive an Impact Award in their categories, may be resubmitted but application fees must be paid for any resubmission.

Impact Award Categories for Completed Developments

Submissions for the following award categories will be evaluated by a Jury comprised of experienced ULI members from outside the North Texas region. Three finalists will be selected in each of these categories and their submissions will be on display at the Award Event. The winner in each category will be announced at the Award Event.

Please note that the Jury will have the discretion to move a submission to a different category if the Jury feels that the project is a better fit for the criteria of the new category.

General Criteria for all Completed Development Impact Award Categories:

- Exemplifies ULI's mission to provide leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating sustainable and thriving communities worldwide
- Achieves excellence through the application of best practices
- Reflects planning and design of high quality
- Incorporates elements aimed at supporting better health
- Promotes sustainable development and smart energy use
- Achieves economic success, market acceptance and is financially sustainable

Specific Criteria for each Award category follow this page.

Award Categories and Criteria

1. The Innovation Award. This award recognizes originality and creativity in several aspects of development such as design, placemaking, support for public transit, resiliency, financing (including public/private partnerships), innovative land use or community planning, or other inventive features. Each candidate for this award must specifically describe the project's innovative features. In this category, all projects (or at least a fully viable initial phase) must have been completed in the last 7 years.

In addition to the General Criteria listed above, Innovation Award submissions should include one or more of the following:

- Resourceful use of land/successful adaptive reuse of property
- Sustainability, preservation or enhancement of environmental resources
- Entrepreneurship or creative development team organization or financing
- Filling a special community or market need
- Cutting-edge design or planning features

Last year's Finalists were:

Innovation Award Winner: Old Parkland Campus, submitted by The Beck Group & GFF

Finalists: Med Assets Building, submitted by Trammell Crow Company; The Richards Group Building, submitted by Perkins + Will; Old Parkland Campus, submitted by GFF

2. The Influence Award. The Influence Award will be given to a project, policy or program that creates a positive impact beyond its immediate borders or catalyzes the development of the surrounding community, resulting in a lasting effect on the built environment. Submissions may include a private or non-profit sector project or program that has resulted in enhanced economic development, environmental remediation, affordable or mixed-income housing, improved health outcomes, or accessible community facilities.

In addition to the General Criteria listed above, Influence Award submissions should include one or more of the following:

- Overcoming of unusual or difficult obstacles to development
- Successful public/private collaboration leading to influential result
- First of its kind or a catalyst for community development
- Direct benefit to the community, identified in measurable terms
- Positive impact in market area

Last year's Finalists were:

Influence Award Winner: Prestwick STEM Academy, submitted by Matthews Southwest

Finalists: Legacy, submitted by the City of Plano; Prestwick STEM Academy, submitted by Matthews Southwest; Oak Cliff Gateway TIF Expansion, submitted by City of Dallas

3. The Public Place Award. The Public Place Award recognizes a public sector, non-profit, public/private partnership or privately funded project that provides the public with enhanced civic, open or public space access or experiences.

In addition to the General Criteria listed above, submissions should include one or more of the following:

- Create a lively gathering space and a public destination, open to the public without charge
- Exhibit intensive use on a regular basis and act as a magnet for a broad spectrum of users
- A facility that is inviting to the public regardless of ownership
- Promotes physical, social and/or economic health
- Adaptability to other communities
- In lieu of meeting the financial viability requirement, a public sector/non-profit entry will be considered on the basis of how successful the investment of public or contributed funds has been in transforming communities and neighborhoods.

Last year's Finalists were:

Public Place Award Winner: Tarrant County College Trinity East Campus, submitted by Bennett Benner Partners

Finalists: Tarrant County College Trinity East Campus, submitted by Bennett Benner Partners; Spring Creek Nature Area Expansion, City of Richardson; The Shops at Park Lane (Phase 2, Block A plaza), submitted by The Beck Group

4. The Next Big Idea Award

Unlike the three previous categories, submissions for the Next Big Idea Award do not have to be completed projects or implemented policies. Instead, for this award ULI NT seeks innovative ideas with the potential to positively impact the quality of life in North Texas. Do you have an idea that would improve the quality of the built environment, the way in which planning and development are conducted, construction affordability, financing mechanisms, or other aspects of real estate and development? What would make our region more resilient? More livable? More enjoyable?

Three finalists for this award will be selected by our Jury and invited to present their ideas live on stage at the Award Event. The audience will then vote electronically, selecting the winner at the Award Event.

Criteria:

- All submitted ideas must be original to the person or group making the submission
- Submissions may be previously articulated concepts not yet implemented
- All ideas must be concisely articulated, well formulated and achievable in the foreseeable future
- All ideas must be related to real estate development, land use or the development process

Last year's Finalists were:

Next Big Idea Award Winner: North Texas to Houston High Speed Rail, submitted by Texas Central

Finalists: North Texas to Houston High Speed Rail, submitted by Texas Central; Dallas Midtown, submitted by OMNIPLAN; The \$5 Billion Mile: Planning for Urban Centers in the Suburban Fringe, submitted by the City of Frisco