

Invitation to Exhibit A4LE Alaska Chapter 2017 Len Mackler Award

The A4LE Alaska Chapter invites you to showcase your educational projects at the annual A4LE Alaska conference in Anchorage, December 7-8, 2017. This is the 18th year of the annual Len Mackler Award, which was established in remembrance of our past Chapter president. The presentation of this award is an important feature of the annual A4LE Alaska Chapter Conference. All entries will be judged for excellence in design and functional planning directed toward meeting the needs of the educational program. Awards of Distinction will be based on the criteria listed below and will be presented to entrants whose projects are selected by the awards jury. The Len Mackler Award, commissioned as a unique piece of art, is annually presented to the recipient of the award for display at their office for the forthcoming year. The award will be presented to the entity whose project is selected as representative of the highest level of excellence of all entries. A4LE Alaska Chapter will cover the entry fee for the 2018 regional awards for the Mackler Award winner; however, the contestant is responsible for completing the entry application and all other aspects of the entry process, including packaging and delivery.

Criteria

The jury will give prime consideration to the design solutions of the stated educational program requirements. The designs should be uniquely adapted to the educational program and should clearly reflect the challenges presented and how the design team met those challenges. The award submission includes both Display Panels and a Project Narrative. Both are considered in the award selection process and are to include the following areas:

- ▶ **Community Engagement.** Describe how the planning and design process connects learning to the community at large and how it fosters community use and partnerships. Consider facility characteristics and design elements that fit within the context of the community.
- ▶ **Planning Process.** Describe project parameters and how the team facilitated discussion and arrived at design solutions that met the educational specification.
- ▶ **Learning Environment.** Describe the learning program and how the design supports the educational outcomes.
- ▶ **Physical Environment.** Describe the relationship between the physical environment and the user (students/teachers/community members).
- ▶ **Innovation** Describe any solutions to the above categories that are unique and progresses the educational design process in the State of Alaska.

A4LE guidelines do not suggest there is either a maximum or a minimum of awards given. The jury will award all projects that meet the criteria and stand out as exceptional and inspiring. The number and type of awards given is solely at the discretion of the architectural jury.

The Len Mackler Award was awarded in 2016 to Bettisworth North Architects/ Perkins + Will for the Dena'ina Elementary School in Knik, Alaska.



Submittal Information

Entries may be submitted by registered architects, individual firms, school districts, organizations or educational planners whose primary focus is on planning, designing, constructing and/or equipping the educational environment.

Entries may be submitted for completed projects only, and may include new construction, renovation, and renovation/addition projects.

Entries should give primary consideration to the design solution presented to meet the requirements of the educational program.

Any project that has been completed in the last five years can be submitted. Entries that have appeared or will appear in other exhibits are welcome.

Membership in A4LE is not required.

Cost

\$100.00 A4LE Members

\$150.00 Non-Members

Display Panels

Entries shall be exhibited at the conference on display panels prepared by the exhibitor. In accordance with regional and national A4LE formatting requirements, displays must be on 20 inch x 20 inch foam board panels (or other suitable, lightweight material) with a maximum of four(4) panels. Panel configuration is flexible. Panels can be separate or attached in any configuration of between one(1) and four(4) panels, including (1) 40"x 40" panel if desired. Graphic presentation of the panels is at the discretion of the exhibitor; however, the purpose of the panels is to provide both the jurors and conference attendees a clear understanding of each project. Digital PDF's of the display boards will need to be submitted for jury review prior to the conference. See submission instructions below. Diagonally oriented panels are not acceptable. Information on panels to include:

- Name and location of school
- Name of architect
- Name of educational planners
- Name of owner (school district and superintendent's name)
- Name of general contractor
- Any other appropriate credits
- Pupil capacity and grade levels
- Cost, exclusive of land, furnishings/equipment and professional fees
- Graphic content including site plan, floor plans and one or more sections, elevations or renderings. Scale drawings shall be shown legibly and accurately, with numerical and graphical indication of scale. For ease of viewing, all floor plans except those for very large buildings shall be at a scale of not less than 1/32 inch equals one foot. A minimum of two interior and two exterior photos should also be included.
- A brief statement indicating the educational programs the facility is designated to accommodate, special program requirements, unusual design or construction issues, facility context, construction systems, design philosophy or other information demonstrating the uniqueness of the project.

Project Narrative

To address the criteria and illustrate the successful story of your project, please assemble a PDF document of no more than **four pages** in length. Include as many photographs and/or images as necessary to illustrate and describe the process and overall project.

The criteria for the Project Narrative can be found on the [Alaska A4LE Chapter's website](#).

Submission

In order to provide adequate display space and to provide each team timely information on where to submit their application, **online registration forms and entry fees shall be received no later than November 27, 2017.** Upon receipt of completed registrations, a unique FTP site access login will be delivered to each registrant for use of their digital submission.

To permit adequate time for jury review, **digital PDF's of the final Display Panels and Project Narrative must be posted to the award program's FTP site no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 29, 2017.** Email confirmation of the FTP site posting shall be sent to scottw@bdsak.com.

Each entrant will have the opportunity to provide a brief presentation about their project during the December 7, 2017 conference lunch. The length of the presentations will be dependent on the number of applicants.

The physical Display Panels will need to be brought to the A4LE conference by each registrant by 8:00 a.m. on the first day of the conference to be put up for display. If a registrant is not able to deliver their display boards to the conference, they may deliver them before the conference to the following address:

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c/o Scott Worthington

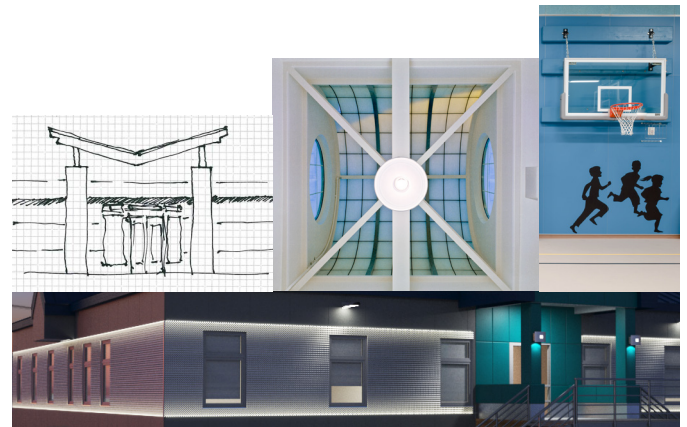
BDS Architects

3330 C Street, Suite 200

Anchorage, Alaska 99503

All entries will be displayed for the duration of the conference and will be available for retrieval by each registrant at the end of the conference. The awards will be announced at the December 8, 2017 A4LE conference luncheon at the King Career Center.

The Alaska Chapter of A4LE reserves the right to assign exhibit space for the Display Panels. The Alaska Chapter of A4LE will not be responsible for panels damaged or lost through theft, fire, accident or vandalism. No special lighting systems will be provided or permitted. Registrants will be responsible for repackaging and retrieving their displays, unless other arrangements have been made.



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