



Q: What is the City Center Partnership's CityDesign Award of Excellence Program?

A: A program acknowledging those who make outstanding contributions to City Center spaces, used for commercial, industrial, retail, hospitality or other private sector functions. Single family residential properties and municipal projects are not eligible.

Q: Why does the City Center Partnership (CCP) have an awards program?

A: The CCP's mission statement is "to serve as a catalyst for development of the City Center that supports public-private investment in City Center projects, programs, and initiatives that attract a greater number of customers, employees, and residents to the City Center".

The awards program acknowledges and promotes exemplary design and improvements by the private sector in the City Center, consistent with the mission statement.

Q: How often is the CityDesign Award of Excellence considered?

A: The CityDesign Award of Excellence is considered once a year. The number of awards given annually will be based on submissions and merit. Award nominations must be submitted by September 17, 2010. Award recipients (if any) are notified in early October of each year. Awards will be presented at the Business Hall of Fame Meeting for Greater Mankato Growth.

Q: What are the requirements to qualify for a CityDesign Award of Excellence?

A: The following requirements must be met to qualify:

1. The project must be located within the City Center.
2. The project must have been completed after September 2006 (date the Envision 2020 report was released).

Q: What are the criteria by which the nominees are selected?

A: The selection criteria will be based upon items including, but not limited to the following:

1. Does the project enhance an existing building or outdoor space?
2. Does the project make the City Center more attractive?
3. Does the project attract more people to the City Center?
4. Does the project make a positive statement about the City Center?
5. Does the project contribute to the vitality and character of its surroundings?

B: The following Projects will be eligible for the award(s):

- Renovation
- New Construction
- Façade Improvements
- Downtown Detail

Note: The Downtown Detail category will recognize improvements to property such as exterior signage, landscaping and beautification, public art, and exterior furnishings