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BUILDINGS and LANDSCAPES ENHANCING
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Key Dates

Submission deadline	7/31
Recipient(s) announced & presentation of awards	Sept 29

Entry Guidelines

The **EcoBLEND Award** encourages and rewards architects, builders, designers, and property owners to incorporate ***eco-friendly design elements*** and ***sustainable building practices*** into remodeled or newly constructed structures while ***blend***ing into the fabric of Minneapolis neighborhoods. A jury of industry professionals and neighborhood residents will select projects for recognition.

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Board Vice-chair of Linden Hills Power & Light, with questions:
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Information

- 2014 Eligibility:
  - The property must be located within the boundaries of Minneapolis.
  - Construction must have been completed since July 1, 2009.
  - All structures on property must comply with appropriate City codes.
  - While not a prerequisite for eligibility, submissions that comply with the spirit of the Fulton Neighborhood Design Guidelines for Residential Development will be given preference in selection.
  - Both commercial and residential projects are eligible and there is no limit to the number of projects an individual or firm submits as long as they are for different properties.
  - A project may be submitted for consideration for both a BLEND Award and an EcoBLEND Award, but there is a separate entry fee and separate submission form required for each award.
- Categories: There are two categories — Remodel/Addition and New Construction.
- Fee: $50.00 registration fee per property. Proceeds over Award administrative costs will be contributed to sponsor future EcoBLEND Awards. **Please make checks payable to: Linden Hills Power & Light**.
- Submission: See the submission form on the back of this page.
- Mail Submission to: EcoBLEND Award Submittal, c/o Pershing Recreation Center, 3523 W 48 St, Minneapolis, MN 55410 to be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2013. If you prefer, you may drop off your submission(s) Monday - Thursday 12-8 pm, Friday 12-6 pm. No weekend drop off.
- Presentation: Recipients of the 2014 EcoBLEND Award will be announced at the BLEND/EcoBLEND Awards ceremony, September 29, 2014 at Fulton Brewery.
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Return of Materials

- Award recipient submission boards and CDs may be retained by the EcoBLEND Award Committee until July 2014 for display in the community and in the press.
- Please make copies of all materials. The EcoBLEND Award Committee accepts no responsibility for damaged or lost submissions.

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Submission Form

Entry Type (check one): □ Remodel/Addition □ New Construction □ Landscape
Property Type (check one): □ Residential □ Commercial
Applicant (check one): □ Architect/Designer □ Builder □ Property Owner

Supply information for the following:

Architect(s)/Designer(s): _____
Address: _____
E-mail address: _____ Telephone: _____

Builder(s): _____
Address: _____
E-mail address: _____ Telephone: _____

Property owner(s): _____
Name(s) may be published in press releases? Yes or No
Address of property: _____
E-mail address: _____ Telephone: _____

Be sure to include the following with your submission.

1. One double-sided, single spaced 8 ½" x 11" response to enclosed EcoBLEND questionnaire. Respond to all questions even if the answer is "N/A" or "No". Responses to any single question must not exceed 50 words.
2. At least three and up to ten 5x7 drawings and/or photographs highlighting the sustainable building practices and environmentally friendly aspects of the project. At least one photograph must show the exterior of the project.
3. One 22½" x 22½" x ¼" display board. Content should be displayed on one side only. Back side should be blank.
   a. Display board may include, but is not limited to, the following: scale site plan, floor plans, exterior elevations, and photographs. Additional drawings and illustrations describing the project are at the discretion of each entrant.
   b. Photographs of the project are required and must also be submitted as part of submission requirement #2. Remodels, renovations, or additions shall include before and after photos.
4. Two 1-page 8½" x 11" project descriptions. Describe how the project incorporates environmentally friendly elements, sustainable building practices, and addresses or honors the Fulton Neighborhood Design Guidelines for Residential Development. Include full square footage of project. This page will be on display for public viewing.
5. One CD-ROM with (a.) Word document containing project description and responses to EcoBLEND questionnaire, (b.) digital files (.jpg) of submitted photographs, and (c.) Adobe PDF files of any drawings/illustrations on display board.
6. A $50.00 check for the registration fee made payable to: **Linden Hills Power & Light**.
7. One blank, sealed envelope attached to the back of the display board with the completed submission form inside.

Please Note:

- Identification of the applicant on any of the submitted materials (except the submission form) may disqualify the entry.
- Selected applicant(s), if not the property owner, is responsible for obtaining rights to publish submitted materials and property address from the property owner. Please note whether property owners' name(s) may be published.
- Each entrant must have ownership or copyrights to all of the materials displayed on any of the submission requirements or obtain permission from the copy right owner to use those materials for this submission. Photography and other credits for display materials shall be listed in the submission materials when that owner is someone other than the applicant. The EcoBLEND Award Committee and their sponsor reserve the right to use any of the submission materials, including property address, for marketing purposes and publications.

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EcoBLEND Questionnaire

RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

1. Describe any re-use of building materials or products used, including use of previously salvaged materials.
2. Describe any recycling you did on your project, including deconstruction process.
3. Did you use any locally sourced or locally manufactured materials? If so, describe.
4. Did you use product with recycled content? If so, explain where or how.
5. Describe any internal set-ups/systems that will increase/enhance recycling, composting, waste-reduction, or otherwise increase ongoing resource efficiency opportunities.
6. Describe any other resource efficiency activities or elements not covered above.

WATER CONSERVATION

1. Did you use low flow plumbing fixtures? If so, please describe where and what brands.
2. Did your project require landscaping? If so, did you use native plant species in your landscaping?
3. Did you use drought resistant grasses?
4. Did you install a drip irrigation system or did you choose not to install an irrigation system at all?
5. Did you install an on-demand water heater?
6. Describe any other water conservation related activities or elements not covered above.

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

1. Did you use zero formaldehyde materials, including insulation?
2. Did you protect/seal the furnace and duct work during construction?
3. Did you air the house for 24 hours before using the space?
4. Did you use zero VOC or low VOC paint?
5. Did you use natural carpets (i.e. wool, sisal, etc)
6. Describe any other indoor environmental quality elements not covered above.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

1. Did you add insulation? If so, what kind and where?
2. Did you do an energy audit before you started this project and after it was done? If so, was there a difference in the results?
3. Did you insulate your water lines?
4. What percentage of lighting are CFL and/or LED?
5. Did you make use of passive solar design? If yes, please describe.
6. Did you incorporate photovoltaic technology? Geothermal technology? If yes, please describe.
7. Did you use Energy Star rated appliances? Which ones?
8. Did you use Energy Star rated windows? If so, what percentage is Energy Star rated?
9. Did you install a high efficiency furnace? If yes, please describe.
10. Describe any other energy efficiency activities or elements not covered above.

OTHER

1. What design elements did you incorporate into your project to maintain or enhance the look and feel of your neighborhood and community?
2. Please describe any eco-friendly element of your project that you feel was not covered above?

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1. Describe any techniques or strategies put in place to encourage alternative transportation and/or reduction of parking spaces for guests and/or employees (i.e. install showers, bike racks, lockers).
2. Did you use any reflective roofing materials?
3. Describe any efforts to mitigate water run-off.
4. Have you implemented any green office cleaning strategies (including waste reduction)?

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