
2017
Remodeling Excellence (REX) Awards

INFORMATION AND ENTRY FORM



Entry packet due to the OMB office by March 31, 2017

2017 Remodeling Excellence (REX)

Category Descriptions

EXTERIOR

1. Exterior Under \$25,000

Best residential exterior project. Includes, but is not limited to, alterations to the exterior of a residential building such as porticos, porches, windows, dormers, roofs, and exterior resurfacings such as siding, stucco, etc. Total project cost under \$25,000.

2. Exterior Over \$25,000

Best residential exterior project. See category #1 for description. Total project cost over \$25,001.

KITCHEN

3. Kitchen Under \$30,000

Best kitchen project with a total project cost under \$30,000.

4. Kitchen \$30,000-\$60,000

Best kitchen project with a total project cost \$30,001-\$60,000.

5. Kitchen \$60,000-\$125,000

Best kitchen project with a total project cost \$60,001-\$125,000

6. Kitchen Over \$125,000

Best kitchen project with a total project cost over \$125,001.

BATH

7. Bath Under \$25,000

Best Bath project with a total project cost under \$25,000.

8. Bath \$25,000-\$40,000

Best Bath project with a total project cost \$25,001 - \$40,000.

9. Bath \$40,000-\$75,000

Best Bath project with a total project cost \$40,001-\$75,000.

10. Bath Over \$75,000

Best Bath project with a total project cost over \$75,001.

ADDITION

11. Addition Under \$75,000

Best addition under \$75,000. Includes, but is not limited to, additions, add-a-levels, or attic build-outs.

12. Addition \$75,000-\$150,000

Best addition \$75,001-\$150,000. See category #11 for description.

13. Addition over \$150,000

Best addition over \$150,001. See category #11 for description.

ENTIRE HOUSE

14. Entire House Under \$150,000

Best entire house project with a cost under \$150,000. A project that remodeled or renovated a substantial portion of the building inside and/or outside.

15. Entire House \$150,000-\$300,000

Best entire house project with a cost \$150,001-\$500,000. See project #14 for description.

16. Entire House \$300,000-\$500,000

Best entire house project with a cost \$300,001-\$500,000. See project #14 for description.

17. Entire House over \$500,000

Best entire house project over \$500,001. See project #14 for description.

COMMERCIAL

18. Commercial Under \$250,000

Best commercial project under \$250,000.

19. Commercial Over \$250,000

Best commercial project over \$250,001.

OVERALL DESIGN EXCELLENCE

20. Outdoor Living

Projects may include swimming pools/sauna/hot tub areas; outdoor kitchens; fireplaces/fire pits; lighting; etc.

21. Landscaping

Projects may feature living elements, such as flora or fauna; natural elements such as landforms or bodies of water (ponds/waterfalls); etc.

22. Residential Specialty/Open

Projects may include trim and mill work; railings and columns; brick, stone or masonry work; tiling; etc.

23. Historic Renovation/Restoration

Restoration of historical features and/or added structures that respect the essential historical character/architectural style of the original building design.

24. Green Remodeling

Projects that implement green building practices such as: renewable resources, low or –zero operating energy systems; water conservation practices; etc.

25. Basements

Projects that were created expressly for the basement area that do not fit in any other category.

26. Aging in Place/Universal Design

Projects that may include universal design features such as: no-step entry; one-story living; wide doorways; wide hallways; bathrooms with no-slip surfaces/grab bars; etc.

27. Get Away Room

Projects that do not fit in any other category – an exclusive place to hang out or a refuge area to enjoy what you love. For example: a specially-equipped garage, media room, billiard room, smoking room, wine cellar, etc.



2017 REMODELING EXCELLENCE AWARDS (REX)

ENTRY FORM - DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017 BY 5:00 P.M.

Nominee(s) (as you would like it to appear in the award's material)

Company Name (as you would like it to appear on the award)

Address

City

State/Zip

Phone

Email

PROJECT CATEGORIES

(Project must be completed after January 1, 2016. See category description on next page)

Exterior

- 1. Exterior Under \$25,000
- 2. Exterior Over \$25,000

Kitchen

- 3. Kitchen Under \$30,000
- 4. Kitchen \$30,000-\$60,000
- 5. Kitchen \$60,000-\$125,000
- 6. Kitchen Over \$125,000

Bath

- 7. Bath Under \$25,000
- 8. Bath \$25,000-\$40,000
- 9. Bath \$40,000-\$75,000
- 10. Bath Over \$75,000

Addition

- 11. Addition Under \$75,000
- 12. Addition \$75,000 - \$150,000
- 13. Addition Over \$150,000

Entire House

- 14. Entire House Under \$150,000
- 15. Entire House \$150,000-\$300,000
- 17. Entire House Over \$500,000

Commercial

- 18. Commercial Under \$250,000
- 19. Commercial Over \$250,000

Overall Design Excellence

- 20. Outdoor Living
- 21. Landscaping
- 22. Residential Specialty/Open
- 23. Historic Renovation/Restoration
- 24. Green Remodeling
- 25. Basements
- 26. Aging in Place/Universal Design
- 27. Get Away Room

* Projects can only be entered in one category (i.e., an Entire House project may not also be entered into a Kitchen Category, Bath Category, etc.)

PAYMENT INFORMATION \$75 for the first entry, \$50 for each additional entry

____ VISA ____ MasterCard ____ American Express Amount to be charged _____

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ CV2 Code on back _____

Name on Card _____

Billing Address on Card _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Or call the Olympia Master Builders (OMB) office at 360-754-0912 with your credit card information.

PROJECT INFORMATION – Entry form page 2

PROJECT/CLIENT NAME _____ CITY _____

PROJECT START DATE _____ PROJECT COMPLETION DATE _____
(must be after January 1, 2014)

COST OF PROJECT

CONSTRUCTION COSTS.....\$ _____

Include materials, labor, appliances, etc.
Do not include permit fees, design and architectural fees and sales tax.

CLIENT-SUPPLIED COSTS\$ _____

Include estimated costs of any materials, labor, appliances, etc., supplied by the client.

TOTAL PROJECT COST.....\$ _____

Construction Costs + Client-Supplied Costs

PROJECT CHECK LIST - DID YOU INCLUDE EVERYTHING?

Each REX entry must include the following:

- Completed REX Entry Form for each entry.
- Entry fee: \$75 for the first entry; \$50 for each additional entry.
- Project photos in digital format (no more than 12).
- Project floor plans (line drawings are OK).
- Project Descriptions (100-word Project Overview and 400-word Project Outline, digital format).
- Mail or deliver packet to OMB, 1211 State Avenue NE, Olympia, WA 98506, **by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2017. No extensions, no exceptions.**

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND JUDGING

1. You must be a current Olympia Master Builders (OMB) member.
2. You must be a contractor.
3. Projects must have been completed after January 1, 2016.
4. Photos, floor plans and descriptions should be submitted on CD, DVD or flash drive. *If you would like OMB to forward your project on to BIAW's Excellence in Remodeling Awards, please include a duplicate of your project & payment to BIAW. BIAW deadline is April 28, 2017.*
5. Project photos, floor plans and descriptions may not be marked with any form of company identification.
6. Submit your entry packet via US mail or drop off to the OMB office. Do not email.
7. You may submit your own home for an entry project.

PHOTOS (see Helpful Tips sheet for more detailed information)

Before and after photos – digital (jpeg format preferred). Submit a total of no more than 12 photos. Photos should be identified to correspond to the project descriptions and may not be marked with any form of company identification. Photos of winning projects may be used by OMB in press releases, promotions and other publicity regarding the REX awards program.

DESCRIPTIONS (see Helpful Tips sheet for more detailed information)

Project Outline – 400 words or less – **digital format**. This narrative will be read by the judges when evaluating your entry. The Project Outline should describe your project with clear and concise information. The Project Outline descriptions should correspond with the projects *before* and *after* photos – with the maximum of 12 photos utilized.

Project Overview – 100 words or less – **digital format**. This narrative will be read by the emcee during the Remodeling Excellence Awards ceremony. The Project Overview should be short and highlight the most significant, unique aspects of the project. Project Overview descriptions should correspond with the project's *before* and *after* photos – with a maximum of 6 photos utilized.

FLOOR PLANS (see Helpful Tips sheet for more detailed information)

Before and *after* floor plans – Floor plans/drawings should be scaled to 8.5" x 11" size or smaller. Floor plans convey the overall design concept to the judges.

JUDGING SPECIFICS

Submitted projects will be judged by a panel of industry experts from various fields of expertise. Judges have the discretion to reassign projects into another category if they deem it appropriate.

Entries will be judged in accordance with the following criteria:

- Aesthetics – Visually appealing:
 - a. *Does the remodel look attractive?*
 - b. *Does the craftsmanship look professional?*

- Special or unique design solutions - space planning, livability.
 - a. *How does creativity work into the remodel?*
 - b. *Is the remodel functional beyond the previous design?*

- Quality workmanship – special crafting, exceptional features.
 - a. *What are the outstanding features of the project?*
 - b. *Is there attention to detail?*

- Use of appropriate building materials – compliments existing structure and design.
 - a. *Did the remodeler use materials to enhance the design?*
 - b. *Were there excess materials?*

- Budgetary consideration – solutions to budgetary constraints
 - a. *How did the project keep within the budget and still deliver client expectations?*
 - b. *Were there any measures to cut costs?*

- Challenges and/or obstacles – unique challenges the entrant faced in completing the project
 - a. *Were there any unexpected obstacles that called for adjustments?*
 - b. *Were there unusual circumstances that created additional challenges?*

Winners will be announced at the OMB REX Awards ceremony during the May general membership meeting.

ENTRY DEADLINE

**Entries must be received at the OMB office
or postmarked by Friday, March 31, 2017**

BIAW REX Awards Deadline April 28, 2017

Would you like OMB to forward your submission to the Building Industry Association of WA (State) Excellence in Remodeling Awards? If so, please include a separate check made out to BIAW for \$75.00 for the first entry; \$50 for each additional entry.

HELPFUL TIPS

Below you will find helpful tips on photography, writing descriptions and submitting floor plans.

Photography Tips – Before and after photos

It is important you clearly convey the scope of your project. You are creating an overall presentation for the judges that best depicts your remodeling project – photographs are the single most important visual component of your entry. *Digital photos will not be returned.*

1. Take your *before* and *after* photos from different angles, but make sure they're taken from the same vantage point.
2. Take A LOT of photos – the more the better. You can always pare them down later.
3. Submit the maximum amount of photos – 12 – for each entry. Judges love to look at your project's photos.
4. Digital photos are preferred (jpeg), but not mandatory. Sometimes the only *before* photos available are print copies; or you may not have a digital camera. You may submit print photos, we will scan them into digital copies.
5. Clearly identify your photos (write on the back of print copies) or name your jpeg files (digital) to correspond to your project descriptions; *before #1, before #2, after #1, after #2* and so on. **DO NOT** mark your photos or digital photos with any form of company identification as this many result in disqualification.
6. If using a professional photographer, copyright and photo release permission issues must be arranged before submitting your project photos. Photos of winning projects may be used by OMB in public viewing, website, press releases, magazines or other PR promotions.

Project Description Tips

Your project descriptions should provide an overall summary of the remodel and clearly convey the homeowners' wishes. Keep your descriptions clear and concise. Simply describe the challenges of the project and the benefits of the end product. Both the Project Outline and Project Overview descriptions should correspond with the project's *before* and *after* photos (maximum of 12).

Project Outline – 400 words or less – **digital format**. This narrative will be read by the judges in evaluating your entry. The Project Outline should describe your project with clear and concise information. If you submit a Green Remodeling entry, detail the products, techniques, energy savings, etc., utilized/achieved in your project. Project Outlines should provide the following.

Main objective of the remodel.

What did the customer want from the remodel? More living space? Recreate original design (historical)?

Creative and efficient use of space (in remodel and/or property).

Describe how space played a role in the remodel. Narrow property? Water views? Sever slope? Existing structures?

Special or unique circumstances and solutions

What, if any, obstacles did you face. Universal design issues? Height restrictions? Green Built standards?

Use of appropriate building materials.

Describe the type and quality of materials (in layman terms).

Quality of workmanship

Pump yourself up and let the judges know the quality of your work.

For example here is an excerpt from a 400-word Project Outline for the Historical Renovation category:

"This small, one story home was built in 1918 in the historical district of downtown Tacoma. It was badly in need of additional space, modern lighting and appliances (before #1); a new roof (before #2); and a major exterior renovations (before #3). However, the homeowners wanted to maintain the Northwest craftsman-style architecture of the home, while integrating modern appliances and products. First on the homeowners' wish list was a gourmet kitchen filled with state-of-the-art appliances and fixtures but convey the atmosphere of 100-year-old charm and character (after#1)..."

Project Overview – 100 words or less – **digital format**. This narrative will be read by the emcee during the REX Awards ceremony. The Project Overview should be short and highlight the most significant, unusual or

unique aspects of the project. Project Overview descriptions should also correspond with the project's *before* and *after* photos (maximum of 6).

Floor Plans Tips

The *before* and *after* floor plans/drawings provide the judges with the architectural design aspect of the project. The plans show project details such as wall/window/doorway modifications and are an important component of the entry packet.

- The *before* and *after* floor plans/drawings should be scaled to 8.5" x 11" size or smaller.

Submittal Tips

Make a copy of all your REX entry packet contents. Submit your digital media on CD, DVD or flash drive. CDs / DVDs will not be returned. If you do not have access to a computer or digital media, contact Sally at OMB 360-754-0912.