



Development Awards

Overview

The Development Awards honour seven (7) member companies for their planning and design efforts related to community development.

- Best New Community
- Best HOA Community
- Best Non-HOA Community
- Best Mixed-Use Development
- Best Low-Rise Development (0-3 storeys)
- Best Mid-Rise Development (4-8 storeys)
- Best High-Rise Development (9+ storeys)

Guidelines

- To qualify for Best Community Awards, active development of a phase of the existing community must have been must have occurred during the time frame of October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026.
- To qualify for Best New Community, the submission must have launched the sale of the first developed lot/home from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2026.
- Excluding the Best HOA Community and Best Non-HOA Community Awards, Development Awards Categories will follow a 3-year cycle. Submissions will be accepted if they have finished in the time frame from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2026.

Developer of the Year Award

Awards in this category qualify for the Developer of the Year or Builder of the Year – Multi-Family Award. Points will only be allocated towards one (1) award. Please refer to the Tabulation Chart in the AOE Submission Guide for point allocation.

Number of Submissions

Maximum three (3) submissions per award.



Submission Package

Follow the general instructions described in the AOE Submission Guide, as well as submit:

- Online entry form
- Any Supplementary Forms as outlined in the AOE Submission Guide.
- A maximum of ten (10) images, plans, site plans or construction drawings may be submitted for review.

Evaluation

Each submission to an award in this category should detail how their submission has met the following criteria.

Criteria	Weight (%)
Description (Summary of community plan and design features, density targets, challenges, project timeline, housing diversity, built environment features)	40%
Creativity, Innovations, and Special Qualities	25%
Evaluation, Success Metrics, and Contribution to Industry	10%

Judges will also be evaluating graphic attachments submitted with the following weights:

Criteria	Weight (%)
Award Materials & Attachments	25%