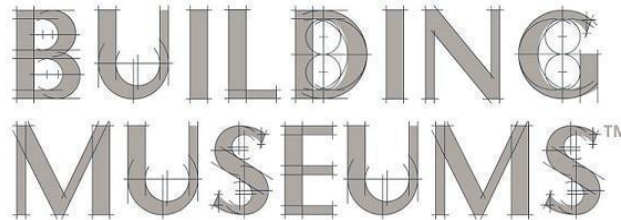


Call for Buildy Award Nominations



Submit nominations in PDF form to: info@midatlanticmuseums.org

Submission Deadline: Monday, November 10, 2025 by midnight ET.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBILITY: A Buildy Award nominee must have completed a museum-related construction project within the five-year period of 2019-2024, and the project must have been substantially complete and opened or reopened to the general public for at least one year prior to the submission deadline date of November 3, 2025.

Eligible buildings include museums as well as similar facilities at zoos, aquaria, public gardens, and visitor centers serving public sites. National and international projects are eligible; nominated facilities are not restricted to those located in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Projects may include new construction, additions, and renovations or a combination of these. Impact and quality are more significant selection factors than size and budget.

Previously submitted projects not receiving an award may be resubmitted with an updated nomination form provided they were completed between 2019 and 2024.

The **CRITERIA** used to select projects for award include:

- Originality of concept (vision)
- Ingenuity in bringing the concept to design (planning process)
- Success of the project (institutional and financial sustainability, quality and design of the project)
- Community and visitor engagement
- Sustainability and Climate Resilience
- Continuity of Leadership

Required **SUPPORTING MATERIALS** must include:



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- Completed nomination form as a single PDF
- Additional Documentation to be included as available and relevant:
 - Photos of completed project, interior, and exterior
 - Floor plans, and where relevant, a site plan, illustrating the project design
 - News clippings or other media coverage
 - Letters from visitors, awards, and other documents that support the nomination
 - Confirmation signature on the nomination form from the Museum Director or Deputy Director stating their intention to briefly present the project at the 2026 Building Museums Symposium in Baltimore, MD

Please submit all nomination materials in a single PDF file.

DEADLINE: This call for nominations closes at midnight Eastern Time on Monday, November 3, 2025.

Nomination Form

I. MUSEUM / Other INSTITUTION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BEING NOMINATED

1. Project Name
2. Project Location (City, State, Country)
3. Project Construction Start Date (year)
4. Project Opening or Reopening Date (for the general public)

II. NOMINATING DIRECTOR/CEO

1. Name of Director/CEO of Museum
2. Director/CEO Email Address
3. Director/CEO Phone Number
4. Director/CEO Pronouns

III. DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION PRINCIPALS FOR THE PROJECT

ARCHITECT

1. Architect Firm Name and Contact
2. Architect Contact's Phone Number
3. Architect Contact's Email Address
4. Architect Pronouns
5. Additional Design Team firm names (additional architectural firms involved, landscape architect, engineers, exhibit designers etc.)

BUILDER

1. Construction Contractor and Contact
2. Construction Contractor Contact's Phone Number

3. Construction Contractor Contact's Email Address
4. Construction Contractor Contact's Pronouns

IV. NOMINATION NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. The importance of achieving and/or advancing the organization's mission through your building project is critical. Explain how the nominated project and its design solutions advance the institution's mission:
2. Nominees should demonstrate that their project was transformative for the museum or other organization, the field, the community, and/or the region. Please elaborate on what you consider as the transformative aspects of your building project:
3. List and briefly describe activities your organization engaged in that reflect an inclusive planning and design process:
4. List and briefly describe sustainable and climate resilient design features, construction processes, and operational practices that were key to your project's success:
5. Visitor and community response to your project, particularly since opening, is an important factor. Aside from the numbers of visitors, please provide a few examples of community response, such as testimonials, visitor surveys, or other impacts of the nominated project (Please provide a short description below and attach other items as part of the PDF submission).
6. List and briefly describe recognition or awards received by your project and include citations as part of the pdf submission. It is not necessary for the project to have received other awards to be eligible for the Buildy Award.
7. Describe the project's impact to your organization's staff and governance board:
8. Describe the continuity of leadership on your project. For example, that you are the Director who shepherded the building process and have remained on the job an entire year since opening or similar indications of stable leadership and continuity. It is understood that the completion of a major capital project may result in leadership transitions.
9. Provide approximate onsite attendance numbers for the last full year before construction commenced (existing organizations) and the first full year after opening (all nominees):
10. Provide the project's budget and explain any significant issues, if any, surrounding design and construction to budget:



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11. Since opening, have you had any major financial setbacks that are directly related to the building project?

V. HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION

Submit the complete nomination form in PDF format by Monday, November 10, 2025 no later than midnight Eastern Time to info@midatlanticmuseums.org with **Buildy Award Nomination 2026** in the subject line. Please keep your submissions to under 50 pages in length.

Please include the name of the person to contact with any questions regarding this nomination:

Full name:

Contact email:

Contact phone number:

Contact pronouns:

Thank you for your submission!

A winner will be selected in December 2025 and notified in advance of the Building Museums™ Symposium 2026.