LPI INNOVATIVE DESIGN AWARD 2027

RESIDENTIAL

COMMERCIAL - EXISTING BUILDING

COMMERCIAL - NEW BUILDING

The purpose of the Innovative Design Awards is to provide recognition to LPI Members and an outside individual or firm for their collaboration on the design and installation of a lightning protection system. Awards are given to a person/firm that demonstrated early coordination with an LPI professional to design an innovative solution to improve the aesthetics of the lightning protection system on a noteworthy structure.

CRITERIA

- Nominator must be an LPI member.
- Recipient may be an individual or firm: architect, engineer, or specifier (ie. roofing consultant).
- Project must be completed within the time frame of January 2026 through December 2026 for the 2027 awards.
  Clarification: Project may have started in a previous year, however it must have been "completed" in 2026.
- Must show proof of “early coordination” by providing the following:
  - Signed form by nominee that verifies coordination
  - Technical/engineering drawings
- Submit 2-3 real life photos of completed job (more photos may be submitted).
- Complete project evaluation and provide a brief description of the project: tell us about the process and how this person/firm made the project successful.

SUBMISSIONS

All submissions are due by December 18, 2026.

- Complete LPI Member Submission Form
- Complete Nominee Form, including signature from the nominated party
- Email LPI Member Submission Form, Nominee Form and all supporting documentation to Kelley Collins at kcollins@lightning.org by December 18, 2026

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JUDGING

The LPI will convene a committee to review the submissions. Each submission includes a project evaluation in which points are assigned to each category. The committee will review the evaluation alongside the supporting documentation, and the projects with the highest scores will be named winners. The LPI member and winner will be notified by mid-January 2027.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Lightning Protection Institute will present the awards at the IGNITE 2027 National Conference in Charleston, South Carolina, in February 2027. Award winners will be showcased throughout 2027.

LPI Members and Award Winners will receive:

- Recognized on social media
- Press release
- Custom article created to showcase the project; utilized on the LPI website and for advertising
- Included in the LPI website homepage of rotating features
- Shared with other industry organizations at their events
- Recognition in publications/newsletter
- Nominated winner receives one paid flight (up to a $600 value) and one night hotel accommodation to attend the award presentation at the 2027 conference.