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CFSEI ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2026 DESIGN EXCELLENCE AND CREATIVE DETAIL AWARDS

FALLS CHURCH, VA – The Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute (CFSEI) has announced the winners of its 2026 CFSEI Design Excellence and Creative Detail awards. This year's awards were presented during the 2026 CFSEI Expo, held May 18-20 at the Westin Long Beach in Long Beach, California. The award winners and project descriptions are included at <https://www.cfsei.org>.

CFSEI Design Excellence Awards recognize projects that exemplify excellence in the structural design of new or renovated structures utilizing cold-formed steel (CFS) products. Entries are judged on design creativity, technical innovation and overall project excellence in cold-formed steel utilization in the Residential/Hospitality, Commercial, and Municipal categories. The 2026 CFSEI Design Excellence Award winners are:

Category: Commercial

- First Place – American Way Engineering – Super Nintendo World Orlando, Orlando, FL
- Second Place – McClure – 10 World Trade, Boston, MA
- Third Place – Industrialized Construction Solutions, Inc. – Orlando Health Bayfront Medical Pavilion, St. Petersburg, FL

Category: Municipal

- First Place – Lochsa Engineering, Inc. – Las Vegas Convention Center Renovation, Las Vegas, NV
- Second Place – Martin/Martin, Inc. – U.S. Air Force Academy Visitor Center, Colorado Springs, CO
- Third Place – Salas O’Brien – Barclays Center Renovation Phase 2: Modelo Bridge CFS Design, Brooklyn, NY

Category: Residential/Hospitality

- First Place – McClure – Kindred Resorts, Keystone, CO
- Second Place – Steel-IQ Inc. – Riviera Lane Residence, Southlake, TX
- Third Place – Martin/Martin, Inc. – Revival on the Platte, Denver, CO

Descriptions of the award-winning CFSEI Design Excellence projects are available at <https://www.cfsei.org/2026-cfsei-award-winners-for-design-excellence>.

CFSEI Creative Detail Awards recognize a cold-formed steel detail that exemplifies creativity or ingenuity to solve a design challenge. The 2026 CFSEI Creative Detail Awards were presented to:

- First Place – Martin/Martin, Inc. – Revival on the Platte, Denver, CO
- Second Place – Excel Engineering, Inc. – Rutter’s No. 82, Altoona, PA
- Third Place – McClure – Legends 267 Apartments, Kansas City, KS

Descriptions of the award-winning CFSEI Creative Detail projects are available at <https://www.cfsei.org/2026-cfsei-award-winners-for-creative-detail>.

“It’s exciting to witness the continued growth in submissions and to see the remarkable expertise, ingenuity, and creativity showcased in these entries,” said Jeff Klaiman, P.E., CFSEI managing director. “We congratulate the award winners and encourage engineers, architects and other design professionals to learn more about these innovative projects and the possibilities of cold-formed steel framing design.”

Klaiman also thanked the 2026 CFSEI Expo sponsors for their ongoing commitment to bringing innovative ideas and solutions to design professionals.

“Our sponsors’ support and dedication were instrumental in making the 2026 CFSEI Expo a resounding success, and we are truly grateful,” Klaiman said.

This year’s Diamond Sponsors included ClarkDietrich Building Systems, the Steel Framing Industry Association, the Steel Stud Manufacturer’s Association and USG Corporation. Platinum Sponsors included CEMCO and GRAITEC. Gold Sponsors were Hilti, hsbcad, MEGABOARD, Scottsdale Construction and SURE-BOARD. The Silver Sponsors were Aerosmith, Argos Systems, ASC Steel Deck, BECK, Grabber, Integra, DragonBoard USA, MBA Metal Framing, MAX, MRI Steel Framing, New Millennium, NEXGEN Building Products, Simpson Strong-Tie, Steel Deck Institute, Stockton Products. Finally, Marino/Ware was the Bronze Sponsor.

The Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute comprises hundreds of structural engineers and other design professionals who are finding a better way to produce safe and efficient designs for commercial and residential structures with cold-formed steel. CFSEI members work together to develop and evolve industry standards and design methods, produce and issue technical bulletins, and provide seminars and online training to improve the knowledge and skills base of engineers and design professionals. For more information, visit <https://www.cfsei.org> and <https://buildsteel.org/>.

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