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Adam's Design Associates
Affordable Housing Case Study

Adams Design Associates has won four awards between two of their affordable housing projects.

THE INFILL HOUSES AT FOUNTAIN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD

Adams Design Associates was awarded an Honor Award in the Birmingham Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Design Awards Program. The Honor Award is the highest level of recognition that the AIA Birmingham bestows to firms for projects displaying exemplary design exceeding the criteria set forth by the jury.

Infill Houses at Fountain Heights Neighborhood received the award. It is a group of twenty-five units for an Affordable Homeownership Program run by a public housing authority in Birmingham, Alabama.

The houses are located on vacant lots in an early twentieth century neighborhood adjacent to downtown.

Five prototype designs, with a total of ten different fronts and porches, were developed.

The awards jury commented:

“Urbanistically, this is a great approach to community renewal...strengthening the fiber of an older neighborhood. What lifts it to award status is the stripped-down dignity...architecture that relies on order rather than fuss to seem timeless.”

Adams Design Associates also won a second design award for The Infill Houses at Fountain Heights Neighborhood. An Honorable Mention Award was given in the Alabama Council of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Design Awards Program.

The awards jury was impressed with the straightforward, light handed design approach which respects the architecture of the early twentieth century neighborhood.

The logo graphic consists of a black square containing the text 'ADAMS DESIGN ASSOCIATES' in yellow and white. This square is connected by thin black lines to a network of vertical and horizontal lines. Some of these lines are solid black, while others are olive green. The background features several vertical and horizontal bars in olive green and black, creating a grid-like pattern.

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SOUTH HAMPTON TIMBERLINE, PLAN 5

Adams Design Associates was awarded a Merit Award and the Focus on Affordability Award in the 24th Annual Builder's Choice Design and Planning Awards Program.

Southampton Timberline, Plan 5, one of several Adams Design Associates' unit designs in a development of affordable units in Birmingham, Alabama, received the award.

The awards jurors were impressed with the low construction cost (which cost approximately 10% less than typical affordable housing) and the compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods.

The design is adapted from the bungalow houses in surrounding Birmingham communities but features larger kitchens, a second bathroom and private rear yards.

Adams Design Associates received the only awards for work in Alabama and received two of only ten presented to projects in the southeast. From approximately 400 entries, a total of 47 awards were presented.

The awards were given by Hanley Wood, LLC, publisher of Builder Magazine.

