



2023 Master Builders Association of Pierce County Remodeling Excellence (REX) Awards Entry Packet

Entry packet due at Master Builders Pierce office or via email by
March 31st, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

**Winning projects will be announced during the annual
REX Awards Celebration on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023**

Category Descriptions

EXTERIOR

1. Exterior

Best residential exterior project. Includes, but is not limited to, alterations to the exterior of a residential building such as porticos, porches, windows, dormers, roofs, and exterior resurfacings such as siding, stucco, etc.

KITCHEN

2. Kitchen Under \$45,000

Best kitchen project with a total project cost under \$45,000.

3. Kitchen \$45,000-\$75,000

Best kitchen project with a total project cost \$45,001-\$75,000.

4. Kitchen \$75,000-\$140,000

Best kitchen project with a total project cost \$75,001-\$140,000.

5. Kitchen Over \$140,000

Best kitchen project with a total project cost over \$140,001.

BATH

6. Bath Under \$35,000

Best bath project with a total project cost under \$35,000.

7. Bath \$35,000-\$60,000

Best bath project with a total project cost \$35,001-\$60,000.

8. Bath \$60,000-\$80,000

Best bath project with a total project cost \$60,001-\$80,000.

9. Bath Over \$80,000

Best bath project with a total project cost over \$80,001.

ADDITION

10. Addition Under \$250,000

Best addition under \$250,000. Includes, but is not limited to, additions, add-a-levels, or attic build-outs.

11. Addition Over \$250,000

Best addition over \$250,001. See category #10 for description.

ENTIRE HOUSE

12. Entire House Under \$200,000 ‡

Best entire house project with a cost under \$200,000. A project that has remodeled or renovated a substantial portion of the building, interior and/or exterior.

13. Entire House \$200,000-\$400,000

Best entire house project with a cost \$200,001-\$400,000. See project #12 for description.

14. Entire House \$400,000-\$600,000

Best entire house project with a cost \$400,001-\$600,000. See project #12 for description.

15. Entire House Over \$600,000

Best entire house project over \$600,001. See project #12 for description.

16. Aging in Place/Accessibility

Projects that may include universal access/design features such as: no-step entry; one-story living; wide doorways; wide hallways; bathrooms with non-slip surfaces/grab bars; etc.

17. Basements/ADU

Projects that were created expressly for the basement area that do not fit in any other category.

18. Get Away Room

Projects that do not fit in any other category—an exclusive place to hang out or a refuge area to enjoy what you love. For example: a specially equipped garage, media room, billiard room, smoking room, wine cellar, etc.

19. Commercial

Any non-residential project.

20. Historic Renovation/Restoration

Restoration of historical features and/or added structures that respect the essential historical character/architectural style of the original building design.

OVERALL DESIGN EXCELLENCE

21. Residential Interior Design (Associate Can Apply)

Projects with an emphasis on design creativity and/or a challenging design/layout, etc.

22. Outdoor Living/Landscaping (Associate Can Apply)

Projects may include swimming pools/sauna/hot tub areas; outdoor kitchens; fireplaces/fire pits; lighting; etc.

23. Open Category (Associate Can Apply)

Project may include trim and mill work; railings and columns; brick, stone or masonry work; tiling, etc. Green/Sustainable design & architectural design fits under this category.

2023 Master Builders Pierce REX awards nominee information

Nominee Name(s) _____

Company Name (as you would like it to appear on award) _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PROJECT CATEGORIES* Project must be completed after January 1, 2022

EXTERIOR

- ☐ 1. Exterior

KITCHEN

- ☐ 2. Kitchen Under \$45,000
☐ 3. Kitchen \$45,000-\$75,000
☐ 4. Kitchen \$75,000-\$140,000
☐ 5. Kitchen Over \$140,000

BATH

- ☐ 6. Bath Under \$35,000
☐ 7. Bath \$35,000-\$60,000
☐ 8. Bath \$60,000-\$80,000
☐ 9. Bath Over \$80,000

ADDITION

- ☐ 10. Addition Under \$250,000
☐ 11. Addition Over \$250,000

ENTIRE HOUSE

- ☐ 12. Entire House Under \$200,000
☐ 13. Entire House \$200,000-\$400,000
☐ 14. Entire House \$400,000-\$600,000
☐ 15. Entire House Over \$600,000

AGING IN PLACE / ACCESSIBILITY

- ☐ 16. Aging in Place/Accessibility

BASEMENTS/ADU

- ☐ 17. Basements/ADU

GET AWAY ROOM

- ☐ 18. Get Away Room

COMMERCIAL

- ☐ 19. Commercial

HISTORIC RENOVATION/ RESTORATION

- ☐ 20. Historic Renovation/Restoration

OVERALL DESIGN EXCELLENCE

- ☐ 21. Residential Interior Design **
☐ 22. Outdoor Living/Landscaping **

OPEN CATEGORY

- ☐ 23. Open Category **

*Projects can only be entered in one category (i.e., an Entire House project may not also be entered into a Kitchen Category, Bath Category, etc.)

** Master Builders Associate Members may enter these categories.

Payment information \$100 per entry

☐ VISA ☐ MC

Amount to be charged \$ _____

Card No. _____ CV2 Code (on back) _____

Name on card _____ Exp. Date _____

Billing address on card _____

Or call Communications & Marketing Director Bailee Butcher at 253.314.6910 with your credit card information.

Project information

Project/Client Name

City

Project Start Date

Project Completion Date *(Must be after January 1, 2022).*

COST OF PROJECT

Construction Costs\$

Include materials, labor, appliances, markup, etc.

Cost to client less permit fees, design and architectural fees and sales tax.

Client-Supplied Costs\$

Include estimated costs of any materials, labor, appliances, etc., supplied by the client.

Total Project Cost\$

Construction Costs + Client-Supplied Costs

TRADES REMODELING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Please identify **TWO** trades partners that are *Master Builders Members* (example: designers, vendors, suppliers, architects, other subcontractors) who contributed to the success of the project.

In the event your project wins in any of the eligible REX categories, the trades contractors you put forward will be called to the stage with you. Please ensure that you and your trades partners are able to attend on May 16th, 2023 to accept awards if selected as a winner. *Trades Remodeling Excellence Award* winners must be Master Builders Association members in order to be recognized on stage.

Trades Partner #1

Name

Company Name

Phone Number or Email

Project Contribution

Trades Partner #2

Name

Company Name

Phone Number or Email

Project Contribution

Please contact Bailee Butcher with any questions at 253.314.6910 or bwicks@masterbuilderspierce.com



REX PROJECT SUMMARY & ENTRY RULES

Read the **Project Tips Sheet** (Page 7) for additional information before submitting your project.

REX PROJECT CHECKLIST

- Submittal should include the following:
 - ☐ Completed *REX Entry Form*, for each project (*Page 3 & 4*)
 - ☐ Entry Fee: \$100 per project
 - ☐ Project photos
 - ☐ Project floor plans
 - ☐ Project descriptions (2) – Overview & Outline
 - ☐ Completed Photo Release Form (*Page 9*)
 - ☐ Send completed entries using one of the following options:
 - Email: Bailee Butcher - Bwicks@masterbuilderspierce.com
 - Drop off or Mail to: Master Builders Association Pierce County – REX Awards
3711 Center Street
Tacoma, WA 98409
Attn: Bailee Butcher

SUBMITTAL DETAILS

- You must be a current Master Builders Pierce member AND a current member or either Remodelors Council or Design Professionals Council to enter REX awards prior to entry deadline (March 31, 2023)
- Projects must have been completed after Jan. 1 of the previous year (This year accepting projects beginning from Jan. 2022)
- Only one project per category
- Photos, floor plans, and descriptions should not be marked with any form of company identification
- You may submit your home as an entry

Completed Master Builder REX Entry Form(s) must be received at the Master Builders Office by 4:00 p.m. March 31, 2023

Photos (*See REX Project Tips Sheet for more detailed information*)

- ☐ Before and After Photos – Digital (jpeg format preferred)
Submit a maximum of 12 photos. *Maximum of 16 photos for 'Entire House' category.
Must include at least 2 *Before* photos. Photos should correspond to the project's description and not marked with any form of company's identification. Submit via email, or flash drive.

Floor Plans (*See REX Project Tips Sheet for more detailed information*)

- ☐ Before and After floor plans / drawings are preferred at 8.5" x 11" size or smaller. Line drawings are acceptable. Digital or printed formats accepted. Floor plans convey the overall design concept to the judges.

Descriptions (*See REX Project Tips Sheet for more detailed information*)

- ☐ Project Outline - In 400 words or less, describe your project with clear and concise information. It should correspond with the project's before and after photos.
- ☐ Project Overview – In 100 words or less, highlight the most significant, unusual or unique aspects of the project.



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JUDGING

- REX awards are intended to recognize remodeling projects that demonstrate outstanding excellence and professionalism in design, materials, creativity, etc.
- Submitted projects will be judged by a panel of industry experts from various fields of expertise.
- Judges have the discretion to reassign projects into another category if they deem it appropriate.
- Judges have the discretion to eliminate entries if they are either incomplete or do not reflect the standard of excellence expected for REX award projects.
- Judges' decisions are final and are not subject to appeal.
- Entries will be judged in accordance with the following criteria:
 - **Aesthetics**
Does the remodel look attractive? Does the craftsmanship look professional?
 - **Special or unique design solutions**
How does creativity work into the remodel? Is the remodel functional beyond the previous design?
 - **Quality workmanship**
What are the outstanding features of the project? Is there attention to detail?
 - **Use of appropriate building materials (compliments existing structure and design)**
Did the remodeler use materials to enhance the design? Were there excess materials?
 - **Budgetary consideration**
How did the project keep within the budget and still deliver client expectations? Any measures to cut costs?
 - **Challenges and/or obstacles**
Were there any unexpected obstacles that called for adjustments? Were there unusual circumstances that created additional challenges?

Winners will be announced during the Master Builders Pierce REX Awards May 16th, 2023



MASTER BUILDERS PIERCE REX PROJECT TIPS SHEET

Below you will find helpful tips on photography, writing descriptions and submitting floor plans.

PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS

▪ **Before & After Photos**

It is important you clearly convey the scope of your project. You are creating an overall presentation for the judges that best depict your remodeling project—photographs are the single most important visual component of your entry. **Digital photos will not be returned.**

- 1) Take your *before* and *after* photos from the same angles
- 2) Take A LOT of photos—the more the better. You can always pare them down later.
- 3) Submit the maximum amount of photos (12 photos, or 16 photos for “Entire House” category. Judges love to look at project.
- 4) Digital photos are preferred (jpeg), but not mandatory. Sometimes the only *before* photos available are prints. That’s okay. You may submit print photos - we can scan them for you. Let us know if printed photos need to be returned.
- 5) Clearly identify your photos (write on the back of print copies) or name your jpeg files (digital) to correspond to your project descriptions. *Before #1, Before #2, After #1, After #2* and so on. Important: **DO NOT** mark your print or digital photos with any form of company identification (this may result in disqualification).
- 6) If using a professional photographer, relevant copyright and photo release permission issues must be arranged before submitting your project photos. Photos of winning projects may be used by MBA PIERCE in public viewing, website, press releases, magazines or other PR promotions.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION TIPS

Your project descriptions should provide an overall summary of the remodel and clearly convey the homeowners’ wishes. Keep your descriptions clear and concise. Simply describe the challenges of the project and the benefits of the end product. Both the Project Outline and Project Overview descriptions should correspond with the project’s *before* and *after* photos (maximum of 12).

▪ **Project Outline** (This narrative will be read by the judges in evaluating your entry)

400 words or less - digital Word doc format preferred

The Project Outline should describe your project with clear and concise information. If you submit a Green Remodeling entry, detail the products, techniques, energy savings, etc., utilized/achieved in your project. Project Outlines should provide the following:

- **Main objective of the remodel** *What did the customer want from the remodel? More living space? Modernization? Recreate original design (historical)?*
- **Creative and efficient use of space (in remodel and/or property)** *Describe how space played a role in the remodel. Narrow property? Water views? Severe slope? Existing structures?*
- **Special or unique circumstances and solutions** *What, if any, obstacles did you face? Universal design issues? Height restrictions? Green Built standards?*
- **Use of appropriate building materials.** *Describe the type and quality of materials (in layman’s terms).*
- **Quality of workmanship.** *Pump yourself up and let the judges know the quality of your work.*

Excerpt from a 400-word **Project Outline** for the Historical Renovation Category:

“This small, one story home was built in 1918 in the historical district of downtown Tacoma. It was badly in need of additional space, modern lighting and appliances (before #1); a new roof (before #2), and a major exterior renovation (before #3). However, the homeowners wanted to maintain the Northwest craftsman-style architecture of the home, while integrating modern appliances and products. First on the homeowners’ wish list was a gourmet kitchen filled with state-of-the-art appliances and fixtures but convey the atmosphere of 100-year-old charm and character (after #1) ...”

▪ **Project Overview** (This narrative will be read by the emcee during the REX Awards Ceremony)

100 words or less - digital Word doc format preferred

The Project Overview should highlight the most significant, unusual or unique aspects of the project and also correspond with



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the project's *before* and *after* photos.

FLOOR PLANS TIPS

The *before* and *after* floor plans/drawings provide the judges with the architectural design aspect of the project. The plans show project details such as wall/window/doorway modifications and are an important component of the entry packet.

- 1) The *before* and *after* floor plans/drawings should be scaled to 8.5"x11" size or smaller.

SUBMITTAL TIPS

- 1) Make a copy of all of your REX entry packet contents.
- 2) Submit using the following options:
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MASTER BUILDERS PIERCE PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I, _____, agree to allow Master Builders Association Pierce County to publish photo/photos included in the enclosed Remodeling Excellence Awards (REX) Project submission. These photos may appear in print/electronic/web format and any print media. This includes use by publishers that include but are not limited to Premier Media Group. I agree that I own the copyright to the photos, and I am giving Master Builders Association Pierce County permission to publish the photos as a courtesy, and do not expect compensation for their use.

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Print Signature: _____

Contact Information: _____

**If you have a specific before and after photo you would like featured prominently at the event, please list which photos by file name here:*

Before: _____

After: _____