



**2011  
EXCELLENCE  
IN DESIGN  
AWARDS**

**E**ach year, ED+C holds its Excellence in Design Awards to honor projects that demonstrate a clear commitment to green building and sustainable design. Whose projects? Yours. How do they get to us? You can submit them during our call for entries.

Why submit a project? Besides getting recognition for a project, winners encourage others to follow suit in environmentally conscious building and raise the bar ever higher for those who already build green. Now completing its ninth year, Excellence in Design recognizes commercial, government, institutional, educational and residential projects meeting a variety of environmental building criteria.

Perhaps you're working on a project to be completed this year. The Excellence in Design program will start accepting entries for projects completed in 2011 at [eid.EDCmag.com](http://eid.EDCmag.com) in the fall.

Now, without further ado, congratulations to the 2011 ED+C Excellence in Design Award winners. These six green building projects completed in 2010 demonstrate outstanding sustainable design techniques. Winners of the competition, as well as finalists and honorable mentions, will be featured in upcoming issues of ED+C by category beginning in June 2011.

*Information was provided by applicants.*



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# Residential Single Family




**Single Family Winner:**  
**Santa Cruz Strawbale House**  
 Submitted by: Arkin Tilt Architects  
 (www.arkintilt.com)

Date Completed: June 2010  
 Size: 2,170 square feet  
 Location: Santa Cruz, Calif.

Avid surfers and professors of biology and environmental studies, the clients wanted to push the ecological envelope while providing a fun, comfortable house for their family of six, along with a second unit for rental or parents. The house combines mechanical technology with natural building techniques, passive solar strategies and locally sourced elements. An efficient plan, solar section and a well-insulated envelope mean that little supplementary heat is needed. Strawbale walls wrap the north and west, while the wood-framed south wall brings daylight into the living spaces.

The Residential category winners, General Colin Powell Apartments and Santa Cruz Strawbale House, will be featured in further detail in the July 2011 edition of ED+C and online at www.EDCmag.com.




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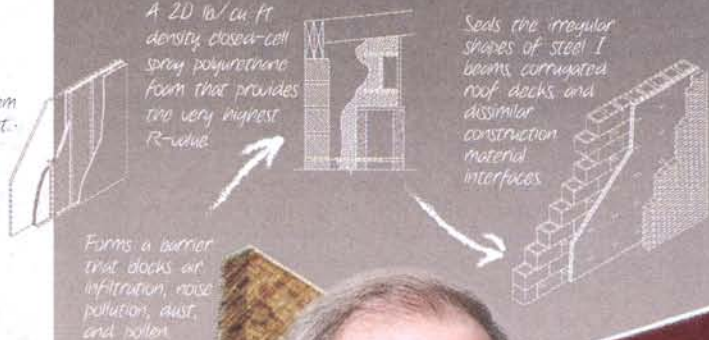
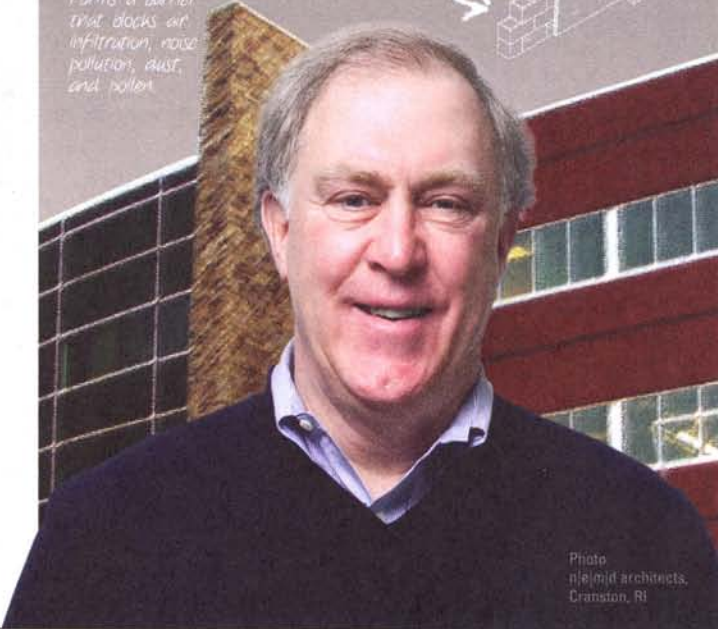



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