2014 ADVERTISING EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS
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Advertisers seen in Architectural Record in the first 4 issues of 2014, in print (full page or greater) or online, qualified for the competition. The jury was comprised of architects representing the breadth of the profession; firms of all sizes working on projects from large scale commercial to residential and interiors.

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The User Engagement Awards are for companies that achieved quantifiable excellence in engaging the architectural community through Continuing Education courses and Online Advertising.

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The top Continuing Education articles and interactive presentation courses were taken by thousands of test-takers — a quantifiable measurement of user engagement that is part of the larger 210,000 tests that were taken over the past year in the pages of Architectural Record and online at Record’s Online Continuing Education Center.

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BEST IN CLASS
Georgia Pacific
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10 TIPS FOR ADVERTISING EXCELLENCE

Successful advertising gets attention, whets architects’ appetites for more information, and leads them deeper into your sales and marketing programs. Over and over again.

1. **What’s the one message you want architects to hear?**
   Choose one main message, or drive a few key points—which readers will remember.

2. **Tell the same story, in print and online.**
   Reinforce the strength of your campaign by using consistent messaging and imagery in your print ads, your online landing page, banners and other online media.

3. **Get technical.**
   Support any campaign claims with technical data that represents key measures of your service or product line. Tell a story. Use charts, graphs or schematics to lend impact to a credible technical claim. The text should be succinct, clear, valuable and honest.

4. **Use simple, strong and memorable images.**
   Architects are visual people and respond better to dynamic images. Online, catch the architect’s eye with video and animation, if it helps to better tell your story.

5. **Use white space…or black space.**
   Strategically use white (open) space to allow important images and words to pop. Keep the color palette limited, and the layout clean and open—with room for thought.

6. **Show the product.**
   Architects love to see products “in action,” proving that they work as claimed. Help architects to see your product in ways that inspire imagination and creativity, using conventional media or unique vehicles, such as digital billboards.

7. **Show the RIGHT project.**
   If your product is in a noteworthy project, use it as a testimonial in your ad. Show the project, identify it, and credit the architect behind the design—even a great project by an unsung architect can work.

8. **Online, less is more.**
   When converting traditional campaigns to online, focus on your main message and call-to-action in the ad, and save contact information for the landing page.

9. **Land more leads with your call-to-action.**
   You got their attention. You educated them about your products. What do you want them to do next? Call, write, click? Make use of action verbs to guide users to respond.

10. **Think young.**
    Architects think young, regardless of whether they are new to the profession or have years of experience. You should think young, too, building campaigns that appeal to the youthful, optimistic minds of today’s architects.

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“Many of our program’s winners this year made excellent use of integrating their print advertising along with their online presence. This enabled their story to unfold with the visual impact that print allows for along with the added creative capabilities available online. These integrated programs captivated our audience, spending more time with the brands resulting in greater engagement.”

— Laura Viscusi,
VP & Publisher,
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