

# CHICAGO THRIVES! RESILIENCE SYMPOSIUM

## CALL FOR EDUCATION PROPOSALS



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USGBC - Illinois and AIA Chicago are accepting proposals for our upcoming "Chicago

Thrives! Resilience Symposium" from **now until February 7, 2017 at 9:00 PM (deadline extended)**. Chicago's first ever Resilience Symposium will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017. Please read this document for full details on the topic preferences, review process and program policies before completing the [session application form](#).



Resilient design is emerging as the design challenge for our age. Practitioners in the built environment must re-imagine our built infrastructure and social fabric to be adaptable to changing conditions, be they sudden abrupt changes such as natural disaster or chronic stresses such as endemic crime and poverty in addition to carbon drawdown strategies. The *Chicago Thrives! Resilience Symposium* as envisioned will serve to enhance the work the City of Chicago is currently undertaking and will provide an opportunity for a multiple disciplines in our region to meet and exchange ideas and best practices through lecture, panel discussion, and interactive workshops. We title this event "Chicago Thrives!" purposefully because we believe that the City of Chicago and the Great Lakes region is well positioned to not only survive but thrive through the stresses of the coming decades. We must act now to ensure a positive future for generations to come.

Selection preference will be given to expertise and case studies of realized or potential solutions that address local solutions to resilient community/city planning, manufacturing, agriculture, livability, social justice, market trends, and/or relevant policy at multiple scales and leveraging a diversity of perspectives. Other related resilience topics will be considered. In your proposal, please be sure to clearly state how your topic is relevant and timely to the creation of more *livable, just, and resilient human environments*.

### Education Session Criteria

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- **Program Format:** The program for the symposium will be a keynote speaker followed by sessions utilizing panels of experts and short-format workshops that encourage dialogue and discourse about the subject matter between the panelists and the audience. We will also have a synthesis portion at the end of the event where facilitators from each session will share their overall impressions with the group. We anticipate each panel / presentation to be 45-60 minutes long.
- **Suggested topics** for sessions may include but are not limited to:
  - City planning strategies or case studies that demonstrate adaptability to population fluctuations and resource availability/scarcity;
  - Regional buildings and/or built infrastructure (proposed or realized) designed to adapt to sudden abrupt changes such as natural disaster or chronic stresses such as endemic crime and poverty;
  - Adaptable manufacturing processes (i.e. supply chains or material procurement);
  - Resilient or restorative agriculture or green infrastructure that create community benefits;
  - Community engagement programs that address endemic crime and poverty or other chronic societal stresses;
  - Technological advances that allow for greater information transparency as well as protocols to help make sense of this information
  - Resource allocation programs (energy, water, waste, etc) that encourage and allow for flexibility and diversity of material inputs
  - Livability programs and indexes, such as biophilic design and live/work/play programs

Proposals are due on 2/7/17. Please complete the session application at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CNC66Y8>

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- **Presenters:** Proposals with two or three presenters from different perspectives and representing more than one organization are strongly preferred. If your panel is about a building project, we recommend including the owner's perspective and including the owner as one of the presenters. Accepted presenters will receive free admission to the event and publicity in our materials.
- **Non-commercial:** USGBC-Illinois programs are often submitted for continuing education credit approval and must be objective in nature and cannot contain any content that could be interpreted as a promotion or endorsement of a certain product, certification/accreditation or organization. As an exception to this rule, products or organizations can be presented in the context of illustrative examples of the current concerns, issues and regulations of the topic(s) being addressed. Presenters may include their company information on first and/or last slides only.

### Review Process

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The Chapter's Resilience Symposium Steering Committee will review and provide feedback on submitted proposals before February 17, 2017. The Steering Committee will work with staff will use the following criteria when reviewing program submissions:

- **Criteria #1:** The speakers are industry experts who are highly qualified to speak on this topic.
- **Criteria #2:** The learning objectives are clear, relevant to the topic presented and challenging.
- **Criteria #3:** The proposed session provides attendees with relevant, timely and applicable content.
- **Criteria #4:** This session offers inspiration to green building professionals.
- **Criteria #5:** They would recommend this session to an attendee interested in the subject matter.

### Education Session Policies

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- A firm/institution/organization can participate as moderator/presenter in no more than three selected sessions. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Steering Committee.
- Session submitters may not propose speakers without the knowledge of the proposed speakers.
- Accepted presenters who are not able to present must notify USGBC-Illinois staff immediately. Replacement presenters must be suggested and approved by staff or committee chairs. They reserve the right to modify or cancel any session based on a change in presenter.
- No sessions that are based upon an advertisement, product or service will be accepted.
- Following the conference, a pdf of your presentation must be made available to attendees.
- Submittals that do not follow the above policies will not be considered.

### How to Submit

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All proposals must be submitted via the [Resilience Session Application Form](#) by **February 7, 2017 at 9:00 PM**.

**Questions?** Contact Katie Kaluzny at [kkaluzny@usgbc-illinois.org](mailto:kkaluzny@usgbc-illinois.org) or by phone at 312-245-8300 x3.