



Century Wind Project, Blairsburg, Iowa, 2008, Mitch Epstein, courtesy of Sikkema Jenkins & Co.

Call for proposals

American Roundtable

Deadline:
February 18, 2020

A new Architectural League initiative, which will bring together on-the-ground perspectives on the condition of American communities and what they need to thrive going forward.

The evolving American economy is significantly changing the landscapes we live in, creating ever harsher extremes, from ascendant places prospering in the information and services era, to declining cities and towns which have not recovered from the disappearance of manufacturing or the industrialization of agriculture. Urban, suburban, and rural America are all being transformed by changing economic drivers, new patterns of mobility, the ongoing effects of racism, a volatile political climate, the impacts of climate change, and other forces.

How can we see with fresh eyes the condition—the successes, failures, and opportunities—of the American landscape? How can we more deeply understand the relationship of individuals and communities to their environments and the constraining and empowering impacts that the built environment has on daily life, and the trajectories of lives?

The Architectural League, one of the country's leading cultural organizations devoted to architecture and the designed world, is launching American Roundtable, a new initiative that will bring together on-the-ground perspectives on the condition of American communities and what they need to thrive going forward. The Architectural League will commission up to ten editorial teams to produce reports featuring diverse voices, expressed through diverse media, creating portraits and agendas for places they know well. The initiative focuses on small cities and towns and rural areas. Commissioned teams will be awarded \$10,000 to support their work, which will be published digitally on archleague.org and in a series of print publications.

For more information, along with the full Call for Proposals and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), visit archleague.org/americanroundtableCFP.

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