

2026 AECT Design & Development Competition Timeline

Phase 1: Abstract

- **April 15, Wednesday** – Competition materials released; Phase 1 opens
- **May 7, Thursday – 4:00 PM US EDT** – Orientation webinar hosted by the AECT Design & Development Competition Coordinating Committee
- **June 1, Monday (11:59 PM US EDT)** – Deadline for Phase 1 questions
 - Note: Responses to questions are shared via the competition microsite
- **June 15, Monday (11:59 PM US EDT)** – Deadline for Phase 1 submissions
- **June 29, Monday** – Teams notified of Phase 1 results

Phase 2: Proposal

- **June 29 to August 17** – Selected teams work with mentors to develop full proposals
- **August 3, Monday (11:59 PM US EDT)** – Deadline for Phase 2 questions
 - Note: Responses to questions are shared with all Phase 2 teams
- **August 17, Monday (11:59 PM US EDT)** – Deadline for Phase 2 submissions
- **September 14, Monday** – Up to three finalist teams notified

Phase 3: Finalist Presentations

- **November 3–7, 2026** – AECT Annual Convention (in person)
 - Finalist presentation schedule: **TBD**
 - Note: Finalist presentations will occur during the convention