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## **The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) Opens 2019 Professional Design Competition**

**HACKETTSTOWN, NJ (April 2, 2018)**— The National Kitchen & Bath Association has opened its prestigious professional kitchen and bath design competition with several new categories and a new, easy, online-submission process.

The competition recognizes excellence in design and execution of residential kitchen and bath projects completed between Jan 1, 2017, and July 2, 2018.

Winners garner national media attention and industry recognition, special awards and cash prizes totaling \$62,000. They'll be revealed during a special ceremony on Feb. 18, 2019, the night before the 2019 Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) opens in Las Vegas. The show runs Feb. 19-21. In addition, for the first time, winners of best overall kitchen and bath will be featured in an editorial spread in Luxe magazine.

Projects will be featured in NKBA Magazine, on NKBA.org, and in the NKBA booth at KBIS.

This year, among the 11 main competition categories are two new areas: concept kitchen and concept bath. Some of the existing categories have changed as well. This year, the Large Kitchen and Large Bath categories have been expanded to Large Luxury Kitchen, Large Luxury Bath, Large Budget-Friendly Kitchen and Large Budget-Friendly Bath.

Entrants must be members of NKBA. In addition to the aforementioned categories, projects may be submitted for small kitchen (less than 150 square feet), small bath (under 55 square feet), medium kitchen (150-300 square feet), powder room (sink and toilet, no tub or shower), and outdoor kitchen (minimum of 200 square feet).

Category awards carry the following prizes: First Place: \$3,000; Second Place: \$2,000; Third Place: \$1,000.

There are also prizes for best universal design for a kitchen or bath (\$2,000), and grand prizes for best overall kitchen and bath each win \$10,000.

Finally, the honorary Clay Lyon Builder/Remodeler award is presented to the winning project submitted by a builder or remodeler.

To make things even easier, NKBA has introduced new, digital submissions and payments. Designers can simply submit and pay for entries online. The competition is open now and closes July 2nd, but entries submitted until May 31<sup>st</sup> are eligible for early-bird pricing. This means the first entry is free, and all other submissions are \$75. After May 31<sup>st</sup>, standard pricing of \$100 per entry goes into effect. There are absolutely no extensions past the July 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline.

For more information and to obtain a Design Competition Packet, visit [www.nkba.org](http://www.nkba.org) or e-mail questions to [designcomp@nkba.org](mailto:designcomp@nkba.org).

#### **About the National Kitchen & Bath Association and the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show**

The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) is the not-for-profit trade association that owns the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show® (KBIS), as part of Design & Construction Week® (DCW). With nearly 14,000 member companies representing tens of thousands of members in all segments of the kitchen and bath industry, the NKBA has educated and led the industry since the association's founding in 1963. The NKBA envisions a world where everyone enjoys safe, beautiful and functional kitchen and bath spaces. The mission of the NKBA is to inspire, lead and empower the kitchen and bath industry through the creations of certifications, marketplaces and networks. For more information, visit [NKBA.org](http://NKBA.org) or call 1-800-THE-NKBA (843-6522).

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#### **About KBIS**

KBIS, in conjunction with the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA), is an inspiring, interactive platform that showcases the latest industry products, trends and technologies. KBIS is the voice of the kitchen and bath industry and has been for 50 years.

Early in 2013, the NKBA and National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) announced an agreement to co-locate the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) with the International Builders' Show (IBS) in Las Vegas in February 2014 under the banner of Design & Construction Week®. The mega-event will return Feb. 19-21, 2019, in Las Vegas. Kitchen and bath brands that have participated in both shows can continue to choose to exhibit in the KBIS or IBS hall. One pass will provide access to both exhibitions. NKBA and NAHB will continue to produce separate educational programming and special events.

KBIS is operated by Emerald Expositions, the largest operator of business-to-business trade shows in the United States, with most of our shows dating back several decades. We currently operate more than 50 trade shows, including 31 of the top 250 trade shows in the country as ranked by TSNN, as well as numerous other events. Our events connect over 500,000 global attendees and exhibitors and occupy more than 6.9 million NSF of exhibition space. We have been recognized with many awards and accolades that reflect our industry leadership as well as the importance of our shows to the exhibitors and attendees we serve.

More information about KBIS can be found at [www.KBIS.com](http://www.KBIS.com).

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