

FAIA Submission Strategy Outline for Carl D'Silva

Summary Statement: Carl D'Silva's career development has been structured around the underlying belief that signature architecture occurs as the result of cooperative balance between creative Design instincts and cutting-edge Technical knowledge to resolve Programmatic challenges.

1. Emphasize Individual Role in Delivering World-Class Buildings (New Bangkok International Airport, Doha Convention Center and Tower, O'Hare T123 FACE Expansion, Sony Center Berlin, Munich Highlight Towers, etc)
 - a. Understanding overall design concept for a project, and planning building systems within that work compatibly with the underlying themes.
 - b. Using an acquired knowledge of cutting-edge building technologies to detail building systems and realize the design intent in an energy-efficient and sustainable manner.
 - c. Applying fabrication and construction knowledge gained from specialized sub-contractors of complex systems to produce a set of contract documents that can feasibly support the proposed design.

2. Transferring Knowledge Gained to the Younger Generations
 - a. Structuring project teams so that junior architects are put in a position to "problem-solve"; to identify design and coordination issues and propose the resolving measures, rather than simply picking up red-lines on drawings.
 - b. Working on a pro-bono basis as Senior Advisor for the Virginia Tech College of Architecture's Chicago Studio. Lectures, critiques, and mentoring the students are all based on my personal focus as outlined in the Summary Statement.

3. Giving Back to the Community Through Not-For-Profit Housing Involvement
 - a. Long-time volunteer cook for the Overnight Shelter program.
 - b. Joining the Board of Directors and currently serving as the Board President.
 - c. Linking activities between the Chicago Studio, Northside Housing, and local politicians/developers to bring a greater awareness and understanding of how urban renewal can be developed in Uptown, Chicago.