

Andrea Ingersoll Totte selected for the Empowered Woman Award by IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) will honor Andrea Ingersoll Totte at their Annual Awards Gala in NYC at the Plaza Hotel

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 19, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Andrea Ingersoll Totte](#), Laboratory Planner at HERA Laboratory Planners, was recently selected for the Empowered Woman Award for 2026 by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to the industry. The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP), a leading global professional organization known for its prestigious annual [awards gala](#) and exclusive vetting process, honors only the most accomplished and influential professionals each year.

Inclusion with the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) is an honor; only a few women are chosen for this distinction based on their years of experience, professional accomplishments, academic achievements, leadership abilities, and contributions to their communities. These women empower others with innovation and compassion to reach their goals while creating change for future generations. Andrea Ingersoll Totte will be honored for this distinction at IAOTP's 2026 Annual Awards Gala.

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With over two decades of experience in the industry, Ms. Totte has certainly proven herself an expert in the field. As a dynamic, results driven leader, Ms. Totte is a Laboratory Planner at HERA Laboratory Planners, a MBE certified laboratory planning firm that delivers expert programming, planning and consulting services. Her specialty is in the design and planning of high-performance science and technology facilities. She currently designs laboratories at Hera Incorporated that support breakthroughs in cancer research, materials innovation, and other work that advances global well-being. Their expertise spans laboratory research and



development spaces for diverse fields including physics, materials science, robotics, biotech, aerospace, engineering, and pharmaceutical research, as well as medical, government, industrial, educational, and commercial facilities. Prior to this role, she was a Senior Laboratory Specialist and Project Leader at LPA, Inc., an award-winning architecture firm, where she held leadership roles in laboratory planning, project management, and business development.

Areas of expertise include, but are not limited to life sciences, commercial real estate, leadership, architectural design, design research, sustainable design, project management, strategic planning, and communications.

Before embarking on her career path, Ms.

Totte earned her B.S. in Architectural Studies from The University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign. She later did a study abroad in Versailles also with the focus on architectural studies.

Throughout her illustrious career, Ms. Totte has received many awards and accolades and has been recognized worldwide for her accomplishments. This past year she was awarded Top Laboratory Planner of the Year by IAOTP. Last year she was recognized by Marquis Who's Who of Professional Women. She was also recognized by Influential Women Magazine for her success as an accomplished laboratory planner. This year she will be considered for a feature in TIP (Top Industry Professionals) magazine. She will be honored at IAOTP's annual awards gala at the iconic Plaza Hotel in New York this December for both her selection as Top Laboratory Planner of the Year and the Empowered Woman Award for 2026.

The President of the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP), Stephanie Cirmi, stated: "Choosing Ms. Totte for this honor was an easy decision for our panel to make. She is inspirational, influential, and a true visionary and thought leader. We cannot wait to see her and celebrate her accomplishments at this year's gala."

Looking back, Ms. Totte attributes her success to persistence, curiosity, and a commitment to designing spaces that create positive impact. Outside of architecture, much of her energy goes toward mutual aid—organizing gift drives for children or helping neighbors meet unmet needs. She believes in supporting people directly, without the noise of politics, and showing up for her community whenever possible. When not working, she enjoys cooking, painting, quilting, or embroidering, as well as time spent with family. In the future, she looks forward to focusing on



supporting the growing need women to lead, innovate and reshape how the industry approaches design and collaboration.

For more information, please visit: <https://herainc.com/team/andrea-ingersoll-totte/>

About IAOTP

The International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) is an international boutique networking organization that selects the world's most distinguished and accomplished professionals across a wide range of industries. These elite professionals are provided opportunities to collaborate, share insights, serve as keynote speakers, and inspire others within their fields. Membership is not open to the general public. Candidates must be personally invited by the President or nominated by an esteemed honorary member following a brief interview.

IAOTP's experts have recognized and credentialed thousands of top-tier professionals worldwide, helping them strengthen their personal brands and expand their influence. The organization prides itself on being a one-of-a-kind boutique network that handpicks only the most exceptional individuals and brings them together on a premier platform designed to foster meaningful connections and professional growth. IAOTP remains one of the most elite and highly respected professional recognition organizations in the world.

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