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EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION

AWARDS

CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE AWARDS

Project Submission Reference Form

Use this form to complete your project submission. Please answer all questions thoroughly. You will be given the opportunity to submit and upload photographs and supporting documentation directly through the website or email directly to events@abcsd.org. All submissions must be completed including photographs and all supporting documentation by **Friday, March 29, 2024**. Winners will be announced at ABCSD's Excellence in Construction Awards on Thursday, May 2, 2024, hosted at Roy's Restaurant, 333 W Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101

Photographs

Judging – up to 10 points possible

Submit up to 10 high-quality photographs. To obtain maximum points, all projects should include “in progress” photos in addition to the completed project. It is recommended to include photos that are relevant to any challenges and solutions that will be outlined further your project narrative.

- Single JPEG/JPG, PNG format only. High resolution with a minimum of 300 DPI. No PDFs are allowed. Ten photographs are highly recommended.
- Provide a description caption for each file in the text box provided, but keep the photograph free of any labels, captions and borders/framing
- Ensure the photographs are free of any safety violations

**Occasionally, entrants have asked that certain photos not to be used in programs or on public sites, due to certain sensitivities, such as the exterior layout of an embassy. Indicate if any of the photos submitted meet this condition and specify which ones must remain private.*

Photo Release and Use:

- By uploading the files, you give ABC the right to reproduce all images for marketing materials pertaining to the competition or event, and may also be used in the promotion of future events.
- Any liability for copyright violation is the sole responsibility of the applicant.
- If any of photos being submitted were taken by a third-party photographer, and the submitting company does not have full rights to the photos, the photographer's written authorization to use the photos is required. To comply, you must upload a copy of the signed licensing agreement with the photographer's signature. This form can be found at www.abcsd.org/excellence-in-construction; no changes are allowed to this document. The applicant must submit a letter from the photographer giving ABC authorization to use the photos.

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Project Narrative

Judging – up to 30 points possible

The focus of the narrative should be the construction of the project (i.e. erection, installation, modification, grade footprint, etc.) The narrative should indicate why this project is special and qualifies for an award. Consider legibility when selecting font style and size, the narrative should not be more than four pages. You may include photos/images. Please include the following items:

- Describe any innovative programs relating to quality control
- Describe any innovative programs relating to scheduling
- Describe any value analysis/engineering process used on the project
- Indicate any special obstacles you overcame in completing the project
- Describe any difficulties or extenuating circumstances encountered in completing the project
- Describe any innovative programs or methods relating to productivity (see bonus award section on page 7 of this application guide)

Contracting Scope

Judging – up to 10 points possible

Provide a description, no more than one full page, of the scope for this project. Consider legibility when selecting font style and size. Please include the following information:

- Type of construction (i.e. Lump Sum, Time & Materials, Construction Management at Risk, Cost Plus, etc.)
- Size of project
- Contract value
- Duration of project
- Percentage of labor that is self-performed
- Any subcontracted work performed by fellow ABC members, suppliers or associates/industry professionals, if applicable.
- Describe the opportunities you provided to the construction community to participate based on merit.

Safety

Judging – up to 20 points possible

A company that experiences a safety-related fatality of a direct employee in the United States within the current program year (July 2019 – January 2024) is NOT eligible for an Excellence in Construction Award. If a subsidiary is a direct ABC member versus part of a larger holding company member, then the subsidiary with a safety-related fatality is not eligible, but another subsidiary of the same holding company may be.

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Safety

Judging – up to 20 points possible

A company that experienced a safety-related fatality of a direct employee in the United States within two or three years of the current program year is required to provide additional information regarding action that has been taken following the fatality (details on the next page).

No project that involves a prime, multi-prime, subcontractor or any trade-related work (regardless of the type of contract) with a safety-related fatality is eligible for an Excellence in Construction Award.

If there is a question regarding these application requirements, the applicant should request clarification from our team at events@abcsd.org or **858.513.4700**

Letters of Recommendation

Judging – up to 10 points

Include up to 5 letters of recommendation from third parties involved with the project, such as the owner and design team. If the owner is unable to provide a letter of recommendation due to company policy, upload a letter from the owner on their letterhead stating they are unable to provide a reference (this letter will qualify for only five points). PDF format is required.

General contractors must submit letters from at least the owner (or the general contractor's prime contracting entity, if not the owner) and the architect. If submitting in an industrial category, general contractors must submit letters from at least the owner (or the general contractor's prime contracting entity).

Specialty contractors must submit a letter from at least the general contractor. If not working under a general contractor, specialty contractors must submit a letter from at least the owner. Second- and third-tier subcontractors must at least submit a letter from their prime contracting entity.

Letters will be assessed for their level of quality, content and position of author. In some cases, a single letter could earn the maximum number of points; however, additional letters are highly recommended.

Supplemental Materials

Judging – up to 5 points

Provide any other additional supporting materials such as diagrams and other graphics, media coverage, other awards and promotion. You may upload up to five single pages. The five pages may be in one file, or up to five separate files. Video files should not exceed two minutes. Your submission may include up to five supplemental materials.

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Accredited Quality Contractor (AQC)

Judging – 5 points

If your company has achieved ABC's Accredited Quality Contractor (AQC) credential in the current program year, upload a PDF copy of the company certificate. The certificate must indicate the chapter that you are submitting your project through because the AQC credential is chapter-specific. If necessary, a copy of the certificate may be requested by emailing aqc@abc.org. Please note that requests will be processed in the order in which they are received; be sure to put your request in early.

The AQC credential is not required to submit for an Excellence in Construction award. For more information about the AQC program, visit abc.org/aqc or email aqc@abc.org.

Specialty Awards & Additional Information

ABC/DBIA Award

Through an ABC partnership with Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA), special recognition will be given to select Eagle Award winners for design-build projects. To be considered for this award, provide a written narrative of no more than one page, ensuring legibility when selecting font style and size. The narrative should describe what design-build best practices were applied to the project and how the information was shared across the project team. A copy of the project's organizational chart, showing the design-build team's structure and contractual relationships, also must be included.

Greener Tomorrow Award

Projects that win an Eagle and used sustainable best practices are eligible for a Greener Tomorrow Award. To be considered for this award, provide a one- or two-page written narrative, ensuring legibility when selecting font style and size.

- Describe the sustainable building initiatives, if any, which required your company's participation.
- Describe your company's involvement in the design phase, if any.
- Describe any obstacles or challenges related to achievement of the project's green initiatives.
- Indicate if the company is an ABC Certified Green Contractor (bonus opportunity).

Productivity Award

Special recognition is given to select Eagle Award winners that use innovative productivity methods. Information provided in the project narrative is used for selecting recipients of this award. For those who elect to be considered, the judges are looking for information related to:

- Condition of production planning facilities and meeting space
- Project and crew level production planning and control regimen
- Quality of the crew work assignment
- Quality of the crew work zone

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Social Media

ABC promotes EIC winners on social media, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and Twitter. A photo from the entry maybe included, with the company name, project name and category. The projects are generally featured after the awards ceremony and throughout the program year. If your project is awarded, would you like for your company and project to be featured on ABC's social media accounts?

Entry Sample Release

Members often request samples of EIC applications. In order to assist those applying for the first time in future years, we would like to have winning samples available. If your project is awarded, can ABC share your project narrative and/or contracted scope with future year applicants and on the EIC webpage?