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AWARDS

Saturday, October 3, 2026 | 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Judging & Scoring

Each project entry can earn a total possible score of 100 points per judge. The project components and their point values are listed below. Projects are eligible for an Awards of Excellence, Award of Merit, and Honorable Mention. The top scoring projects will be eligible for one of three top awards: Top Project by a General Contractor, Top Project by a Subcontractor, or Top Mega Project (100 million or more).

1. **Intent-to-Compete/Registration (10 points)** – Complete [project registration](#) on our website.
2. **Photographs (10 points)** – It is highly recommended that you invest in quality photography and take photos throughout the scope of the project. Photos will be viewed by the judges and will be used by ABC in marketing and promotion of your project. The best quality photos receive the greatest exposure and visibility. At least five, but no more than ten photographs. Try to use photographs that are visually interesting and capture the essence of the work being judged. Applicants must obtain the rights from the photographer to reprint the photos without limitations and must ensure permission has been obtained to copy and send photos to ABC for use without limitations. Any liability for copyright violation shall be borne solely by the applicant. For best presentation, photographs should be high resolution quality and in the original image formats. Upload all photos online.
3. **Project Narrative (30 points)** – Points will be awarded for an exceptionally written presentation of the project narrative. *Maximum of four pages.*
 - Was the narrative clear and detailed?
 - Why is this project special and qualifies it for an award?
 - Elaborate on innovation, programs related to productivity and/or overcoming obstacles.
5. **Safety Component (20 points)** – See the safety submission requirements [here](#). Scoring is based on the project safety indicators in combination with your company's safety program.
 - Has your company signed the [Construction Coalition for Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace](#) pledge?
 - Does your company have a substance abuse policy, a written Safety and Health Policy Manual, and/or conduct a new employee safety orientation?
 - Discuss any site-specific or innovative safety programs used, and whether specialized craft training was utilized.
 - Summarize the company safety/health policy focusing on job-specific or site-specific policies and how they were implemented.
 - No project with a safety-related fatality, regardless of contractor or trade, is eligible to receive consideration for an award. See the online award submission for additional details on required safety documentation.
6. **References (up to 10 points, 2 points per reference)** – Include up to 5 letters of recommendations from third parties involved with the project (i.e., owner or design team). General Contractors (GC) must submit letters from at least the owner or prime contracting entity and the architect. Specialty contractors must submit a letter from at least the GC or the owner (if not working under a GC.)
7. **Supplemental Materials (5 points)** – Provide any miscellaneous supporting materials such as diagrams, graphics, media coverage, other awards and promotions received.
8. **Accredited Quality Contractor (AQC) (5 points)** – If your company has achieved ABC's Accredited Quality Contractor (AQC) credential in the current program year, five points will be awarded. For more information about the AQC program, visit www.abc.org/aqc.

Bonus Awards

Projects may be eligible for the following bonus awards:

- **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.
- **Greener Tomorrow Award** – Projects that win an Eagle and used sustainable best practices are eligible for a Greener Tomorrow Award.
- **Productivity Award** – Special recognition is given to select Eagle Award winners that use innovative productivity methods.

Judging

Judging will take place during the last two weeks of August 2026. The panel of judges represents a cross section of construction industry experts and may include contractors, construction managers, architects/engineers, and safety professionals. Judges will evaluate projects using the scoring guidelines outlined above and will review your entry information and photos, focusing on safety, craftsmanship, execution/coordination, difficult and/or unusual challenges, owner satisfaction, and overall uniqueness.