

2016 ABC National Excellence in Construction Awards Project Entry Requirements and Forms



Associated Builders and Contractors invites your company to enter its best projects in the 2016 ABC National Excellence in Construction Awards competition.

27th Annual
Excellence in
Construction®
Awards

REGISTER YOUR PROJECT BY

Oct. 28, 2016

SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED PROJECT BY

Nov. 18, 2016



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Program Overview

Your company has the opportunity to compete for honors in the construction industry's premier annual awards program – the ABC National Excellence in Construction Awards competition – that recognizes the outstanding merit shop projects of the year. Use this application and the enclosed forms to enter your company's best project(s).

All award winners will be recognized at a March 2017 awards celebration in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The ceremony will feature a multimedia presentation highlighting the Eagle and Pyramid winners, and an elegant printed program highlighting each award-winning project. All winners will be recognized in a special section of *Construction Executive* magazine, and news releases will be distributed to regional and national construction-related media outlets.

Eligibility

ABC Membership

Only ABC members are eligible to enter. If your project was completed by a joint venture and not all parties are ABC members, email eic@abc.org for eligibility requirements.

Joint Venture Projects

Projects completed through a joint venture must include a document outlining the ownership percentage and responsibilities of each partner. Include the document with the Project Information section. If the majority partner is an ABC member but not all partners are ABC members, only the majority contractor is eligible to enter.

Project Safety

A company that experiences a safety-related fatality in the United States within the current program year (Oct. 16, 2015-Oct. 15, 2016) is NOT eligible for an Excellence in Construction Award. If a subsidiary is a direct member versus part of a larger corporation member, then the subsidiary with a safety-related fatality is not eligible, but another subsidiary of the same corporation may be. Email eic@abc.org to confirm eligibility prior to submission.

A 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 NOT eligible for an Excellence in Construction Award.

Your company is required to have signed the Construction Coalition for a Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace's pledge at drugfreeconstruction.org.

Your company is required to have a written Safety and Health Policy Manual.

ABC Chapter Award Winner

If the company's local ABC chapter has an awards program, the project must have won the equivalent of first or second place at the chapter's most recent competition. An exception to this requirement may be granted if the applicant submits a letter from the ABC chapter president explaining the reason the project qualifies to be entered at the national award level; for example, the chapter does not have an award category for the applicant's project or the chapter does not hold a competition.

Completion of Project

To be eligible for award consideration, the project must be completed by Saturday, October 15, 2016.

Entry Requirements (continued)

Project Entry Steps

1. **Online Project Registration** – Each project must be registered online no later than Friday, October 28, 2016.
2. **Submission Deadline** – All entries must be completed online no later than Friday, November 18, 2016.
3. **Project Entry Fee** – Each project must be submitted with online payment or a check in the amount of \$525 made payable to Associated Builders and Contractors. Payment must be received on or before Friday, November 18, 2016. *Be sure the check is not made payable to a chapter.*

Entry Deadlines

The deadlines stated above are firm. Payment must be received at the ABC National office no later than Friday, November 18, 2016, or the project will not be judged.

Mailing Address for Payment

ABC National Office, Attn: EIC
440 First Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20001

More Information

Specific questions may be directed to the ABC National office by emailing eic@abc.org. Frequently asked questions are listed at abc.org/eic. Additionally, tips on applying may be found on the website.

Overview of Award Categories

Awards may be presented in up to 50 categories with contract values divided into various categories and detailed within this document. There are up to 31 categories for General Contracting/Construction Management and up to 19 categories for Specialty Contracting. For further descriptions of each category, visit the Excellence in Construction webpage at abc.org/eic.

Eagle Award

Up to 50 first place Eagle Awards may be presented. Award winners will receive a specially designed eagle sculpture to signify construction's highest honor.

Pyramid Award

Up to two construction projects in each category will be eligible for a Pyramid Award. Award winners will receive a specially designed pyramid on a walnut base with an engraved bronze plaque.

ABC/DBIA Award

Special recognition is given to select Eagle Award winners for projects that are design-build, through an ABC partnership with Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA). To be considered for this award, be sure to complete the ABC/DBIA Special Award section (page 5) and indicate "yes" in the Project Information section (page 6) of the application.

Greener Tomorrow Award

Special recognition is given to select Eagle Award winners whose projects utilized sustainable best practices. To be considered for this award, be sure to complete the Greener Tomorrow Award section in the application (page 4) and indicate if it is a LEED project in the Project Information section (page 6).

Productivity Award

Special recognition is given to select Eagle award winners that use innovative productivity methods. Information provided in the project narrative will be used for selecting recipients of this award. No additional action is required.

Project Award Category Form – General Contracting/Construction Management

Check only ONE category indicating the dollar amount of the contract for the project. If the category chosen below is different than the one indicated when registering online, email eic@abc.org with the corrected category.

ABC reserves the right to change an entry's original category if it determines that a project's opportunity to win will be enhanced in a different category. ABC also reserves the right to redistribute the contract volume levels within a category.

Mega-Projects

All projects regardless of type
All contract amounts more than \$100 million

Commercial

Office buildings, banks, retail facilities, hotels and mixed use
All contract amounts up to \$100 million

Community/Public Service

Philanthropic projects that enhance the community, using substantial resources donated by the contractor
All contract amounts up to \$100 million

Federal Government/Military

All projects owned by the federal government, with the exception of transportation infrastructure and utilities
All contract amounts up to \$100 million

Health Care

Hospitals, assisted living, nursing homes and other licensed medical facilities
All contract amounts up to \$100 million

Historical Restoration/ Renovation

Restoration of buildings registered as historical, or eligible to be registered as historical
All contract amounts up to \$100 million

Industrial

Manufacturing plants and facilities, refineries and similar types of construction
All contract amounts up to \$100 million

Infrastructure: Heavy

Streets, highways, parks, dams and bridges
All contract amounts up to \$100 million

Institutional

Projects owned by schools, churches and local governments, with the exception of health care facilities.
All contract amounts up to \$100 million

Pre-Engineered Building

Institutional, shopping centers, banks and manufacturing plants
All contract amounts up to \$100 million

Public Works/Environmental

Water treatment plants and sewage treatment plants
All contract amounts up to \$100 million

Renovation

Non-historical, existing buildings where more than 50 percent of the contracted dollar value was used for renovation or restoration
All contract amounts up to \$100 million

Residential

Residential, including independent living retirement communities
Single-family projects up to \$100 million
Multifamily and condominium projects up to \$100 million

Other Construction

Construction not specifically referred to in the above categories. Examples include theme parks, zoos, skate parks, water parks and other unique types of projects
All contract amounts up to \$100 million

Project Award Category Form – Specialty Contracting

Check only ONE category indicating the dollar amount of the contract for the project. If the category chosen below is different than the one indicated when registering online, email eic@abc.org with the corrected category.

ABC reserves the right to change an entry's original category if it determines that a project's opportunity to win will be enhanced by the change to the new category. ABC also reserves the right to redistribute the contract volume levels within a category.

Community/Public Service

Philanthropic projects that enhance the community, using substantial resources donated by the contractor

All contract amounts

Electrical

All projects

More than \$10 million

Electrical: Commercial

Schools, hospitals, outdoor lighting, institutional, shopping centers

Less than \$10 million

Electrical: Industrial

Manufacturing plants, processing plants, instrumentation and testing facilities involving motor control

Less than \$10 million

Mechanical

All projects

More than \$10 million

Mechanical: Commercial

Manufacturing plants, processing plants and pneumatic controls

Less than \$10 million

Mechanical: Industrial

Manufacturing plants, processing plants and pneumatic controls

Less than \$10 million

Exteriors

Masonry, precast or stone

All contract amounts

All other exterior finishes

All contract amounts

Interiors

Acoustical, drywall, millwork or plaster

All contract amounts

All other interior finishes

All contract amounts

Sitework/Landscape/ Hardscape

Interior/exterior, landscaping and parking lots

All contract amounts

Other Specialty

Construction: Commercial

Commercial construction not specifically referred to in the above categories

All contract amounts

Other Specialty

Construction: Industrial

Industrial construction not specifically referred to in the above categories

All contract amounts

EIC Entry Checklist

Prior to submitting an entry to ABC National, review the checklist below to be sure you have are prepared to provide all the required elements.

- ☐ **Chapter letter** - If your chapter *did not* hold a competition this year, a letter from the chapter confirming there is no local program is required.
- ☐ **Company & Project Information**
 - ☐ Company contact information
 - ☐ Project details such as the contract amount, location, and team members.
- ☐ **Entry fee** – Submit online payment or mail a check for \$525. Be sure payment is made out to Associated Builders and Contractors, NOT your chapter. If you are submitting multiple entries, you may combine the fees into one check, but be sure to specify the invoice number for each.
- ☐ **Contracted Scope** – Up to one page detailing the contracted scope of the project.
- ☐ **Project Narrative** – Up to four pages detailing the construction of the project, including challenges, innovative methods, and quality control and scheduling methods. This is your opportunity to demonstrate why this project deserves national recognition.
- ☐ **Quality Photographs** – Up to ten in-progress and completed project photos
- ☐ **Project Safety**
 - ☐ OSHA Form 300A
 - ☐ OSHA form 300, with personal information redacted
 - ☐ Total Recordable Incident Rate
 - ☐ Information regarding the following is requested:
 - o the company's Safety and Health Policy Manual;
 - o a site-specific Safety and Health Policy Manual;
 - o toolbox safety meetings and specialized training;
 - o the process of collecting accident reports from specialty contractors;
 - o the project's organizational chart identifying the person responsible for safety;
 - o company's substance abuse policy;
 - o and more.
- ☐ **Reference Letters** – Letters of recommendation from third parties involved with the project, such as the owner and design team. Requirements vary based on the company's role with the project.
- ☐ **Supplemental Materials** – Your opportunity to add any supplemental materials to demonstrate the excellence of your project
- ☐ **Optional Materials**
 - ☐ Accredited Quality Contractor (AQC) Certificate (current year)
 - ☐ Safety Performance Evaluation Process (STEP) Certificate (project construction year)
- ☐ **Optional Bonus Awards**
(You must indicate participation on the **Project Information Form**)
 - ☐ Greener Tomorrow – awarded for exceptional sustainability practices
 - ☐ ABC/DBIA Award Requirements – awarded for exceptional design-build practices
 - ☐ Productivity Award Requirements – awarded for exceptional productivity methods

Samples of Contracted Scopes and Project Narratives may be viewed online at abc.org/eic