

2020 Excellence in Construction Awards

ENTRY APPLICATION



Show Off Your Best Work

Associated Builders and Contractors New Hampshire/Vermont Chapter invites you to showcase your company's talent and dedication to quality, innovation and safety by entering this year's Excellence in Construction (EIC) awards competition! An invaluable business development tool, the EIC Award demonstrates your company's commitment to and achievement of the highest-quality standards. Winners will be recognized through the Virtual Excellence Awards Presentation.

The Awards ceremony will feature a live hosted event mixed in with a multi-media presentation for each project and sponsor recognition. This change is due to COVID19 and the uncertainty of mass gatherings this Fall. The entry fee is WAVED for this year; we encourage applications to limit it to three entries per company.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY

Any member of the chapter may submit best practices and/or projects located in the New England area.

Questions concerning eligibility should be directed to the Excellence Awards Committee by calling (603) 226-4789.

PROJECT AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE OR MERIT

Excellence and Merit Awards may be presented in each project category. More than one Excellence or Merit Award may be awarded in a category. All ABC contractors, suppliers and associates involved in the winning projects will receive recognition through the ABC Construction Resource Magazine, project videos, social media and more. Please reference the complete requirements and details found later in this packet on page 2.

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

The Excellence Award winners will all be eligible for the Chairman's Award which will be awarded to the project determined by the judges to be the 'Best of the Best' for that year.

IMPORTANT DATES:

August 7, 2020: Completed applications due by 5 PM

September 4, 2020: Winner notifications sent

October 22, 2020: Winners will be announced through a Virtual Excellence Awards Presentation on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 3 PM.

RECOGNITION OF WINNERS

Award winners will be recognized through the Virtual Excellence Awards Presentation; this change is due to COVID19 and the uncertainty of mass gatherings this Fall. The Awards ceremony will feature a live hosted event mixed in with a multi-media presentation for each project and sponsor recognition.

Press releases will be distributed to media contacts and all winners will be highlighted on social media, in the ABC NH/VT Chapter magazine, the *Construction Resource* as well as *The New Hampshire Business Review*.

In addition, Excellence Award winning companies will receive recognition at every ABC event during the year following the awards ceremony. Winners of the 2020 competition will be invited to be recognized again at the 2021 presentation.

How to Apply

All entries must be completed in PDF format and submitted electronically, via email. Each project entered must be emailed to info@abcnhvt.org

Within five business days of submitting the application, you will receive an email containing instructions for uploading high resolution pictures, video, and any other applicable files.

Rules of Entry *(please read carefully)*

1. **Entries must be from a current member** of ABC NH/VT Chapter.
2. Projects submitted must be in the New England area.
3. **Projects must be submitted in PDF format**, indexed as a PDF Portfolio.
4. **Your PDF file must have bookmarks.** See the explanation of bookmarking at the bottom of this page.
5. The entire project must have been completed between 1/1/18 and 1/1/2020. Entry fee is waived for the 2020 Excellence in Construction Awards program. We encourage applicants to limit it to three entries per company.
6. Each project may only be entered into one category.
7. A company may win only two awards in any one project category.
8. A minimum of ten (10) but maximum of twenty (20) digital photos are required; video is optional. Pictures will be embedded in your submitted PDF. Within five business days of submitting the application, you will receive an email containing instructions for uploading higher resolution copies of pictures from your submission (and any video, if applicable).
9. All accepted entries become the property of the ABC NH/VT Chapter and may be used for publication or for any other purpose by the Association.
10. Entries may be disqualified if the form is not filled out completely, or if the rules are not adhered to. The judges reserve the right to re-categorize and/or disqualify any entry for cause with proper notification to the entrant.
11. **Entry items must be submitted by 5 PM EST on August 7, 2020.**

Winning Tips

- Consider the awards entry as a project debriefing. Bring together key individuals from the project to discuss the project, recall issues and solutions.
- Emphasize the “heroes” on the project and their efforts to get the job done, personalize your entry.
- Embed or reference pictures in narrative to help demonstrate points being made (i.e. “see exhibit x in supporting material” or paste the picture in line with the text).
- Include “before” and “after” pictures.
- Remember: “Presentation makes a difference.”

REMINDER

Your submission should be in PDF format. We recommend that you bookmark each section of your file; though not required, it makes it easier for the judges to review your entry. You can easily bookmark a PDF by following the steps below. Each Bookmark should be named after the Criteria (i.e. Project Description, Safety, References, etc.). Using this format improves the review experience for the judges and enhances your chances of winning.

HOW TO BOOKMARK A PDF

PDF bookmarks create a hierarchical table of contents that can be exposed or hidden by clicking the Bookmarks icon—which looks like a ribbon and is located to the left of the viewing pane—or by selecting “View | Show/Hide | Navigation Panes | Bookmarks.” Each linked section is preserved with the view used during bookmark setup. In other words, clicking one returns the viewer to the same page, line and magnification used when it was originally configured.

ADDING BOOKMARKS

Navigate to the page and adjust it to your preferred position and magnification. Click the “Bookmark” icon to expose the bookmark organizer and select “New Bookmark”—the ribbon with the small starburst near the top of the pane—to create a new listing. Enter a name for the bookmark in the text field that displays. To change its nesting position—in other words, make the link appear indented under its section title in the Bookmarks list—highlight and drag the icon directly underneath the parent bookmark icon.

Here is a helpful tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzTbLhw8jUc>

If you have difficulty with the PDF or have questions about the application process, be sure to attend one of our upcoming ABC EIC Award Q&A sessions or contact the office by calling (603) 226-4789.

ENTRY FORM FOR PROJECT SUBMISSION

CONTRACTOR NAME

PROJECT INFORMATION:

COMPANY PRINCIPAL AND TITLE

NAME OF PROJECT (THIS APPEARS IN THE PRESENTATION)

ADDRESS

LOCATION

CITY/STATE/ZIP

START DATE

TELEPHONE

COMPLETION DATE

CONTACT PERSON FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS APPLICATION

DESIGNER

PHONE

OWNER

EMAIL

WHO DID YOU CONTRACT WITH?

ENTRY CATEGORIES *(Please check the category that best applies)*

General Construction or Construction Management

For a project with the company performing work as a general contractor construction manager (May include industrial, commercial, public work or residential)

RESIDENTIAL

- Private Residence, under \$1 million
- Private Residence, over \$1 million

COMMERCIAL

- Under \$2M
- \$2 - \$5M
- \$5 - \$10M
- Over \$10M

INSTITUTIONAL/PUBLIC

- Under \$2M
- \$2 - \$5M
- \$5 - \$10M
- Over \$10M

INFRASTRUCTURE

HISTORICAL RESTORATION

INDUSTRIAL/MANUFACTURING

OTHER CONSTRUCTION

- DESIGN/BUILD** (Must adhere to responsibilities in related documents, A191, A491 and B901 to be eligible for D/B category)

Specialty Contractors

For a project with the company performing work as a specialty contractor (May include industrial, commercial, public work or residential)

SITE WORK

CONCRETE

ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION

MASONRY

METALS

WOOD AND PLASTICS

THERMAL AND MOISTURE PROTECTION

DOORS AND WINDOWS

FINISHES

MECHANICAL

ELECTRICAL

JUDGING & CRITERIA

The panel of judges will represent a cross section of the industry, including owners, architects, planners and others (no contractors). There is a total possible score of 100 points. Listed below in the order of how they are to be submitted, are the different categories and their point values. Entry form must be complete and legible.

1. Project Description (maximum 2 pages) – 20 Points:

- History leading up to the project and how you were selected to perform the work
- How did the project solve an owner's need?
- Unique design elements, techniques or materials planned for the project
- Anticipated schedule challenges
- Pre-planning strategies to enhance project constructability
- Other pre-construction challenge or issues, which were anticipated prior to construction
- Sustainable design and construction practices
- Community service participation during the project (tours, classes, etc.)

2. Construction Challenges/Solutions (maximum 2 pages) – 20 Points:

- Unforeseen conditions, weather issues, etc.
- Design, material, and schedule changes during construction
- Labor disruptions, issues
- How the above challenges or any others were managed to achieve a successful project

3. Why an Award? (maximum 1 pages) – 10 Points:

- Summarize why this project deserves an award. Keep in mind this will be used to develop the narration for winning projects, so consider and highlight efforts above and beyond what was expected from you in the contract.

4. Safety – 15 Points:

- Safety data for the project must be submitted on the attached Statistical Safety Performance Data Sheet. (15 pts)

STATISTICAL SAFETY PERFORMANCE DATA SHEET

Standard Industrial Classification (SIC Code) – check one:

- General Contractor (SIC 15)
 Heavy / Highway Contractor (SIC 16)
 Special Trade Contractor (SIC 17)

Project Specific Data

Duration of project for contractor submitting entry:

Lost time days on the project for contractor submitting entry:

Number of:

Project related fatalities on the project for contractor submitting entry: Yes No

Cases resulting in days away from work on the project for contractor submitting entry:

Recordable cases on the project for contractor submitting entry:

OSHA violations on the project for contractor submitting entry (by citation, indicate category, i.e. willful):

Notes & Comments:

For assistance in completing this form, contact ABC at (603) 226-4789

- Include a copy of your ABC Safety Training Evaluation Process (STEP) certificate (5 pts).

To learn more about STEP and participate (its FREE and easy), visit <http://www.abcstep.org> or call the chapter office at (603) 226-4789.

5. References – 15 Points:

Endorsements, third-party comments. (i.e. owners, designers, end users). GC/CMs should submit letters from the owner and architect. Specialty contractors should submit a letter from the GC/CM. If the owner is unable to provide a letter of recommendation, a statement should be included explaining why (i.e. company policy).

6. Supporting Materials (maximum 5 pages) – 10 Points:

Diagrams and other graphics to support project description, construction challenges, press and promotion.

7. Presentation & Appearance – 5 Points:

Includes organization, orderliness and neatness of submission, quality of video and photos.

8. Project Team Involvement – 5 Points:

All entrants are required to submit a list of all contractors, suppliers and associates included on the project (ABC members and non-members). This will provide information to recognize all ABC members at the awards ceremony and to notify all non-members and invite them to the awards ceremony.