



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of North Carolina*

*Engineering North Carolina's future.*

# **Call for Entries**

## **2012 Engineering Excellence Awards**





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*The American Council of Engineering Companies of North Carolina (ACEC/NC) Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) is an annual competition that honors and recognizes engineering and surveying firms for projects which demonstrate the highest degree of achievement, value and ingenuity.*

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Any engineering or surveying firm is eligible to enter the awards program regardless of membership in ACEC/NC.

## **GENERAL CRITERIA**

- 1** Both member and non-member engineering firms' entries must be submitted through ACEC/NC to qualify for the National Competition at ACEC.
- 2** Projects entered in the ACEC/NC competition must have been executed by a company physically located in North Carolina. The project may have been outside the state, but the work must have been executed in North Carolina.
- 3** Research and Studies (Category A) or Surveying and Mapping projects (Category D) must have been publicly disclosed by the clients between November 1, 2009, and October 31, 2011.
- 4** Construction of projects (Categories B through L – with the exception of D) must have been substantially completed and ready for use between November 1, 2009, and October 31, 2011.
- 5** Engineering achievements that have won awards in other state or national organizations' awards programs may be entered.
- 6** Applicants are welcome to submit one project per category or submit one project in more than one category. A project not receiving an award in one year may be resubmitted the following year in the same category provided all eligibility criteria are met.
- 7** Each entry must be submitted electronically (no hard copy, three ring binders) in adherence with the specifications noted on page four of this document. Non-compliance with the rules will automatically disqualify an entry. Please read requirements thoroughly.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

ACEC/NC schedule for submittals are as follows:

**Deadline for Entries**  
**Judging**  
**Awards Ceremony**

**September 30, 2011**  
**October 3 - 5, 2011**  
**November 10, 2011**

ACEC/NC winners may also re-submit to ACEC National's EEA Competition.

ACEC National's schedule for submittals are as follows:

**Deadline for Entries**  
**Judging of Submittals**  
**EEA Gala - Washington, DC**

**January 6, 2012**  
**February 10 - 12, 2012**  
**April 17, 2012**

## **JUDGING**

Entries are to be judged (by an outside panel of judges) on the basis of overall engineering excellence in each of twelve practice areas, based only on the work performed by the entering firm and scored in accordance with the guidelines listed below. Based on each project's overall score, projects can receive one of the following awards: Honors Award (80 - 85 points), Grand Award (86 - 100 points), or Grand Conceptor (highest points awarded by the judges). Once the judging has been completed, entrants will be notified as to whether or not their project will be honored with an award, but the specific level of the award the project will receive will not be announced until the ACEC/NC Engineering Excellence Awards Dinner on November 10, 2011.

**25%**

### **Original or Innovative Application of New or Existing Techniques:**

- Does the entry demonstrate use of a new science or a breakthrough in the general knowledge of engineering?
- Does the entry represent a unique application of different technology, techniques, materials or equipment?

**20%**

### **Future Value to the Engineering Profession:**

- Will the entry redefine current engineering thinking?
- Does the entry advance a positive public image of engineering excellence?

**15%**

### **Social, Economic & Sustainable Design Considerations:**

- Do the solutions identified produce secondary benefits of value to the community environment?
- Does the entrant's approach provide society with social, economic, or sustainable development benefits?
- Is the public health, safety or welfare significantly improved as a result of entrant's and/or the affected environment's, contribution to the project?

**20%**

### **Complexity:**

- Did the entry successfully address very complex criteria or unique problems?
- Were extraordinary problems of site, location, hazardous conditions, project requirements or similar elements present?
- Did the entry require out-of-the-ordinary technology and ingenuity for achievement of project goals?

**20%**

### **Exceeding Client/Owner Needs:**

- Did the engineer or entrant successfully engage the client/owner in the overall project development process?
- Is it an economical and cost-effective solution?
- How did final cost relate to original budget estimate?
- How closely does the entrant's solution meet the total goals of the client/owner?
- Did the entrant meet the client's time schedule?

## **PRACTICE AREAS FOR ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

- A** **Studies, Research, and Consulting Engineering Services**  
Non-design services including, but not limited to:
- New Products, Materials and Technologies
  - Expert Testimony
  - Basic Research and Studies
  - Public Outreach/Involvement
  - Security Plans
  - Value Engineering
  - Expert Testimony
  - Computer/Software Technology
  - Technical Papers
  - Water Conservation
  - Project Feasibility Studies/Economic/Risk
- None of the projects entered in Category A are involved with the preparation of construction documents.
- B** **Building/Technology Systems**
- Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing
  - Communications
  - Software Systems
  - Efficiency Certification Standards, e.g. LEED
  - Secure Facilities (Military, Research, Correctional)
  - Computer/Technology
  - Acoustics
  - Sustainability or Carbon Neutrality
  - Energy Efficiency - New and Retrofit
- C** **Structural Systems**
- Foundations
  - Buildings
  - Towers
  - Stadiums
  - Tunnels
  - Seismic Design
  - Bridges
- D** **Surveying and Mapping Technology**
- Geometrics, ALTA, Land Title and Rights Surveys
  - Control, GPS, Monitoring or Construction Surveying
  - Surveying Mapping, GIS/LIS Photogrammetry
- E** **Environmental**
- Hazardous Waste
  - Solid Waste
  - Noise
  - Waste Pond Management
  - Mitigation
  - Restoration/Reclamation/Remediation
  - Air Quality
  - Recycling
  - Carbon Sequestration and Trading
- F** **Water and Stormwater**
- Graywater Systems
  - Residuals Management and Reuse
  - Mine Tailings
  - Stormwater Management
  - CSOs
  - Wastewater Collection/Treatment and Disposal
  - Agriculture
  - Erosion Control
- G** **Water Resources**
- Hydraulics, Hydrology
  - Treatment
  - Watershed Management
  - Flood Risk Management
  - Coastal and Eco-System Restoration
  - Irrigation
  - Surface and Groundwater Supply Development
  - Transmission, Distribution & Storage
  - Water Use Reduction
  - Climate Adaptation
  - Locks/Dams/Water Control Structures
- H** **Transportation**
- Highways
  - Rail
  - Public Transit
  - Airports
  - Marine/Ports
  - Intermodal Facilities

- I** **Special Projects**
- Safety and Security
  - Land Development
  - Recreational Facilities
  - Program and Construction Management
  - Corrosion Protection/Cathodic Protection
  - Trenchless Technologies
  - Subsurface Engineering

- J** **Small Projects**
- Total project construction budget does not exceed \$2.5 Million. At the entrant's discretion, except for entries in Category A, projects under \$2.5 million are not limited to this category.

- K** **Energy**
- Transmission and Distribution
  - Power Generation
  - Renewable Energy
  - Cogeneration
  - Energy Storage Technologies
  - Energy Usage Reduction Programs
  - Demand Side Management

- L** **Industrial and Manufacturing Processes and Facilities**
- Petrochemical
  - Biotech
  - Manufacturing
  - Heavy Industry
  - Industrial Waste
  - Materials Handling
  - Mining, Metallurgy, Mineralogy

**HOW TO SUBMIT AN ENTRY (no binders will be required; electronic copy only):**

- 1** Assemble items 2 through 6 in a single PDF or MS Word document that does not exceed 6MB in size (documents may be zipped).
- 2** A 100-word summary of the project clearly and concisely describing the project and the entrant's participation in the project on firm's letterhead.
- 3** An endorsement/release letter from the client or owner.
- 4** One compiled copy of a proposed press release (one page max) - written as if the project has already been chosen to win an Engineering Excellence Award - that clearly and concisely describes the project and entrant's participation in the project. Point out the value of the project to the community and identify the number of people served.
- 5** THREE 8" x 10" photographs representing various visual aspects of the project. Each photograph should be followed by a brief description of the photo within the PDF or MS Word document submitted. Photo descriptions should not exceed three sentences (approximately 75 words or less).
- 6** One compiled copy of the following, not to exceed 1500 words total:
  - Role of the entrant's firm in the project
  - Role of other consultants participating in the project
  - Brief description of the entrant's contribution to the project addressing each of the following:
    - Original or Innovative Application of New or Existing Techniques
    - Future Value to Engineering Profession
    - Social/Economic and sustainable design Considerations
    - Complexity
    - Exceeding Owner/Client Needs
- 7** Go to <http://acecnc.org/Awards/2012EngineeringExcellenceAwards.aspx> and complete the entry form information and attach (upload) the assembled PDF or MS Word document by September 30, 2011.
- 8** If your entry is selected as a winner, you will be contacted will then be required to provide high resolution copies of the images from your entry as well as your firm logo.
- 9** An entry fee of \$350 for ACEC/NC members and \$1,000 for non-ACEC/NC members must be paid via check made out to ACEC/NC. Checks must be received at the ACEC/NC Office no later than September 30, 2011.



# Entry Form

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*This year entries will be submitted electronically (hard copy, three ring binders are not required). The information listed below will need to be completed online when you submit (upload) the entry. Please be prepared to furnish all the information requested below for each entry. Please limit the project name to 45 characters. All entries must be uploaded to ACEC/NC website by September 30, 2011 in order to be eligible at: <http://www.acecnc.org/Awards/2012EngineeringExcellenceAwards.aspx>*

**PROJECT PRACTICE AREA (circle one):**

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| <p><b>A. Studies, Research, and Consulting Engineering Services</b></p> <p><b>B. Building/Technology Systems</b></p> <p><b>C. Structural Systems</b></p> <p><b>D. Surveying and Mapping Technology</b></p> <p><b>E. Environmental</b></p> <p><b>F. Water and Wastewater</b></p> | <p><b>G. Water Resources</b></p> <p><b>H. Transportation</b></p> <p><b>I. Special Projects</b></p> <p><b>J. Small Projects</b></p> <p><b>K. Energy</b></p> <p><b>L. Industrial and Manufacturing Processes and Facilities</b></p> |
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**PROJECT INFORMATION:**

**Name of Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner/Client Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entering Firm Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Firm Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Budgeted Project Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Actual Project Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scheduled Date of Completion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Actual Date of Completion:** \_\_\_\_\_

If your project entry is a winner please indicate your plans to re-submit to ACEC for national competition:

\_\_\_\_\_ Will re-submit

\_\_\_\_\_ Will not re-submit

**ENTRY FEES:**

\$350 per entry for ACEC/NC Members

\$1,000 per entry for non ACEC/NC Members

***Checks in the appropriate amount due (made payable to ACEC/NC) must be received at the ACEC/NC office no later than September 30, 2011. The ACEC/NC office is located at:***

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Raleigh, NC 27601

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