



2022 Associated Builders and Contractors of Central Texas Excellence in Construction® Awards Project Entry Requirements

Associated Builders and Contractors of Central Texas invites your company to enter its best projects in the 2022 Excellence in Construction Awards competition.

NOTE:

This document serves as a tool to help applicants gather and prepare data for the 2022 application. All applications must be submitted electronically at by [clicking here](#). Applications will open on **June 13, 2022**.

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The Excellence in Construction Awards celebration honors our chapter's most innovative and high-quality construction projects and safety programs. This document is meant to serve as a tool to help applicants gather and prepare the data required for the 2022 application.

Program Overview

Your company has the opportunity to compete for honors in the construction industry's premier annual awards program—the ABC Central Texas 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).

Winners at the local level are eligible to enter the National Excellence in Construction Awards. National award winners will be recognized at the 33rd Excellence in Construction Awards gala on Thursday, March 16, 2023 in Kissimmee, Florida. 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.

Entry Requirements

Each entry must follow the entry requirements outlined in this award application.

1. ABC Membership - Only Associated Builders and Contractors of Central Texas, Inc. ("ABC") contractor members in good standing are eligible to enter. 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. If your project was completed by a joint venture and not all parties are ABC members, email csmith@abccentraltexas.org for additional eligibility requirements.
2. Project Completion – Projects must be completed by July 30, 2022.
3. Safety - A company that experiences a safety-related fatality of a direct employee in the United States within the current program year (August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022) 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. Furthermore, all EIC award winners have a continuing duty to inform ABC of a safety-related fatality that occurred after the end of the current program year until the time of the awards program. Such a fatality will nullify the EIC award. After the judging process and prior to the awards program, ABC will request that an award winner confirm that a safety-related fatality did not occur. Failure to respond to the request will also nullify the EIC award.

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. No project that involves prime, multi-prime or sub-trade contractors with a safety-related fatality is eligible to be considered for an award. If there is a question regarding this

policy and application requirement, the applicant may request clarification by emailing csmith@abccentraltexas.org.

Project Entry Information

Intent to Submit – This is the first step in the EIC process. All projects must be registered online by June 27, 2022.

Project Submissions – All project submissions forms must be received by July 18, 2022. All entries must utilize the Open Water software. Due to time constraints, this deadline cannot be extended.

Project Entry Fee – Each project must be submitted with non-refundable payment in the amount of \$375 by check made payable to ABC Central Texas | 2600 Longhorn Blvd Ste 105, Austin, TX 78758. Payment must be received on or before July 18, 2022. Invoices will be sent upon the registration of the Intent to Submit.

Frequently asked questions, application tips, and more details are listed at abc.org/eic.

Email Crystal Smith at csmith@abccentraltexas.org for any specific questions you have about the EIC application process.

Overview of the Awards

Awards may be presented in a variety of categories. The categories for General Contracting/Construction Management are outlined on page 11 of this document. The categories for Specialty Contracting are outlined on page 12 of this document.

Chapter Eagle Award – The highest scoring project in each category may receive an Eagle Award. Award winners will receive a specially designed eagle sculpture to signify construction's highest honor. In order to qualify for an Eagle Award, the project score must be higher than 90 points.

Chapter Merit Award – Projects not receiving an Eagle Award may qualify for a Merit Award. Award winners will receive a specially designed eagle sculpture to signify construction's honor. In order to qualify for a Merit Award, the project score must be higher than 70 points.

Requirement: Intent to Submit (Deadline June 27, 2022)

- Company
- Project title
- Project location (city, state)
- Final contract amount (ABC will keep the information confidential, if required)
- Project category
- Applicant name, job title, phone and email
- Project Classification
- Submit non-refundable submission fee: \$375 per entry

Project Submission

Read Each Section Carefully

The panel of judges represents a cross section of construction industry experts, including owners, architects, engineers, and other industry leaders. The competition is comparative, using a point system to assist in the comparisons. A project entry can earn a total possible score of 100 points. The different evaluative sections and their point values are listed below. Answers to questions should be clear and succinct, as directed; the quality of an entry's presentation will have a great impact on its opportunity to win.

Overall Presentation and Conformance to Entry Requirements (5 Points)

Uploaded documents should be pleasing to the eye and legible. Points will be deducted for font that is too small to easily read, as well as grammatical/typographical errors.

Requirements: Project Information

- Contractor name, principal, title, mailing address and phone
- Business ownership: women-owned/minority-owned/both/neither
- Primary award contact name, title, phone and email
- Provide the project address.
- Contract value – original and final contract amount (indicate if this is confidential)
- Did any prime, multi-prime, or sub-trade contractor on this project have a safety-related fatality on this project? If yes, the project is not eligible.
- Did the applying member company have a safety-related fatality in the United States with the current program year (August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022)? If yes, the company is not eligible.
- Architect firm, contact name, title and email
- Engineer firm, contact name, title and email
- General contractor firm, contact name, title and email (if the applicant is a subcontractor)
- Client/owner firm, contact name, title and email
- Starting date of construction (original and actual)
- Substantial completion date of construction (GC) and demobilization date (subs) (original and actual)
- Start of preconstruction services (contract-specific): Prior to design starting / During conceptual design phase / During design development / No preconstruction provided / Other, specify
- Contract type: Lump Sum / Design-Build / Construction Management Agent / Construction Management at Risk / Time and Material / Engineering Procurement Construction / Integrated Project Delivery / Other, specify
- Procurement method: Open Hard Bid / Select Bid / Value-based / Soley Negotiated / Other, specify
- Project size (square footage)
- Project site size (acres)
- Delay days overcome (#)
- Technology used on the project: Drones / Equipment telematics / Material tracking / Project management / Robotics / Safety technology / Scanning and visualization / Site and progress monitoring / Tool telematics / Virtual/augmented reality / Workforce data

- Was this project completed by a joint venture? If yes, are all parties of the joint venture members of ABC? On a one-page document, outline the ownership percentage and responsibilities of each partner.
- Was this a design-build project, with design and construction services under one contract with a single point of responsibility?
- Was this a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) project through the U.S. Green Building Council? If yes, indicate the status of the LEED certification and what level was achieved.
- Write a brief project description between 30 and 40 words highlighting the most impressive/unique aspects of the job. This description will be used in marketing materials.
- Write a brief project summary in approximately 200 words highlighting the most impressive/unique aspects of the job. The project summary is subject to editing by ABC.

Requirements: Contracted Scope (10 points)

Ensuring legibility when selecting font design and size, provide a description (no more than one full page) of the scope for this project with 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.
- Provide contact information using the Excel template for any subcontracted work performed on this project, including contractors, suppliers, associates/industry professionals. Be sure to note if the company is an ABC member.

PDF format is required.

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

Requirements: Project Narrative (30 points)

Ensuring legibility when selecting font design and size, provide a written narrative (no more than four pages*) indicating why this project is special and why it qualifies for an award. The focus of the narrative should be the construction (i.e., erection, installation, modification, grade footprint, etc.) of the project.

Four pages are highly recommended, and photos/images may be incorporated. Be sure to 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

PDF format is required.

*Projects entered into the Community/Public Service categories are allowed one additional page (for a total of five pages) dedicated to describing why the project qualifies for the category. This will be uploaded separately following the project narrative and should include a detailed description of the resources your company donated.

Requirements: Photographs (8 points)

Submit up to 10 high-quality photographs in jpg format only. It is recommended to include photos that are relevant to the challenges and solutions outlined in the narrative. To obtain maximum points, all projects should include “in progress” photos in addition to the completed project. Restoration and Renovation projects should also include “before and after” images.

- Single jpg files may include up to two photographs, but no more than four files should include split images.
- Provide a descriptive caption for each file in the text box provided, but keep the photograph free of any labels, captions and borders/framing. Each caption should not exceed 50 words.
- Ensure the photographs are free of any safety violations.
- Ten photographs are strongly recommended. Files should be a minimum of 300 DPI resolution and in jpg format. No PDFs are allowed.

Occasionally, entrants have asked that certain photos not 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 above meet this condition and specify which ones must remain private.

If any photos being submitted were taken by a third-party photographer, the photographer's written authorization to use the photos is required. In order to comply, you must upload a copy of the signed licensing agreement found on at abc.org/eic with the photographer's signature. No changes are allowed to this document.

Requirements: Safety (31 points)

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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 prior to submission email csmith@abccentraltexas.org.

- Did the applying company have a safety-related fatality within the current program year (Aug.1, 2021 -July 31, 2022)? If yes, your company is not eligible.
- Did your company have a safety-related fatality within two or three years of the current program year (Aug.1, 2018 - July 31, 2021)? If yes, answer the questions below.
 - What was the violation type as determined by OSHA (i.e., Willful, Serious, Repeated, Other-than-serious, No violation was cited)?
 - Date and location of incident
 - Were there any fines, citations or penalties issued? If so, by whom (i.e., OSHA, Police, Department of Transportation, etc.)?
 - Provide a written report up to five pages that details the following:
 - A full account of the incident and the investigation
 - What corrective actions were taken immediately?
 - What corrective actions were taken culturally?
 - How was accountability addressed?
 - What procedural changes were made?
 - Was there an overall evaluation of the company safety policies, and if so, what changes were made?
 - If the fatality occurred within two years prior to this program year (Aug.1, 2018 -July 31, 2020), provide details as to how your company has implemented the changes discussed above and how it has affected the overall safety performance.
- Did this project have a safety-related fatality? If yes, this project is not eligible.
- Include copies of the project-specific OSHA Form 300 and OSHA Form 300A for your company. If project-specific forms are not available, you may include completed forms for all the year(s) the project was under construction, including a year-to-date form if the contract was completed in the current program year. If you are submitting annual forms, they must be specific to the office location that completed the work and all recordables specific to the project being submitted must be highlighted. **All personal information must be redacted.** If omitted, your company is not eligible.
- Has your company signed the Construction Coalition for a Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace's pledge at drugfreeconstruction.org? If no, your company is not eligible.
- Does your company have a written substance abuse policy? If yes, provide a copy of the table of contents and explain how it was implemented on the project.
- Does your company have a written Safety and Health Policy Manual? If yes, include its table of contents or provide a one-page summary. If no, your company is not eligible.
- Was a site-specific Safety and Health Policy Manual developed for this project? If yes, include its table of contents or provide a one-page summary.
- Provide the project's organizational chart identifying the person responsible for safety.
- Does your company conduct a new employee safety orientation? If yes, include a copy of the agenda.
- Were toolbox safety meetings held with employees? If yes, were these meetings documented and what was the frequency of meetings? Include a one-page summary or an example up to two pages.
- Did your company regularly establish pre-task safety planning prior to beginning work on this project? If yes, provide at least one example.
- Did your company have a process in place to record near-miss cases on this project? If yes, provide supporting documentation of this process and how your company uses this information. Note this does not indicate near-misses occurred.
- Was specialized training conducted on this project? If yes, indicate types on a separate page.

- Provide additional information regarding any innovative safety and health programs used on this project or the company's overall safety program.
- Calculate your company's Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) = Number of recordable accidents x 200,000 / total manhours for the project
 - Total manhours for all disciplines included in your contract on this project
 - Company NAICS and SIC codes
 - Number of OSHA-recordable accidents on this project
 - Number of OSHA job transfer or restriction cases on this project
 - Number of OSHA days away from work cases on this project
- General contractors and construction managers also must include all specialty contractors' hours and recordables on this project.
- For general contractors or construction managers: Do you require accident reports from specialty contractors? If yes, provide information on the process.
- Provide the name, title, phone, email and signature for the person responsible for safety on this project and attesting to these accident rates.

Requirements: References (10 points)

Include up to 10 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. Provide a short description of how the author of each letter was involved in the project.

Opportunities: Supplemental Materials (2 points)

Provide any miscellaneous supporting materials such as diagrams and other graphics, media coverage, other awards and promotion, aerial or drone footage, BIM, 3D scans and/or CAD drawings. 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.

Opportunities: Accredited Quality Contractor (AQC) (2 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.

Opportunities: STEP Safety Management System (2 points)

If your company is a STEP participant, upload a PDF copy of the company certificate(s) from the current program year, as well as any year(s) the project was performed. It is highly recommended that you apply for STEP no later than June 1, 2022.

If your company does not have an electronic copy of your STEP certificate(s), contact csmith@abccentraltexas.org. Please note that requests will be processed in the order in which they are received; be sure to put your request in early.

STEP participation is not required to submit a project for an Excellence in Construction Award. For more information about STEP, visit abc.org/step or email step@abc.org.

Social Media

ABC promotes EIC winners on social media (e.g. Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and Twitter). A photo from the entry is typically included, with the company name, project name and category. The projects are generally featured after the awards gala 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?

Project Entry Qualifications, Rights and Agreement

All applicants are required to sign off on the following releases.

Property

All entries become the property of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC).

Entry Category Reassignment

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

Grant of Rights

The applicant hereby grants to ABC the following non-exclusive rights: the right to reproduce and distribute copies of the work throughout the year as part of the competition materials described above, including the right to reprint the work, or any part thereof, whenever necessary and to license the use of the work, or any part thereof, in any medium or form of communication; and the right to use the applicant's name, photographs and biography in connection with the work. The applicant reserves all rights not specifically granted herein.

Safety Provision

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 award.

Warranty

The applicant warrants that the work is original, that its publication will not infringe on the rights of others, and that it has the full power to make this grant.

Notification and News Releases

ABC Central Texas Excellence in Construction Award winners will be notified in September. News releases will be held until after the awards ceremony takes place on September 22, 2022, in Austin, Texas. Until that time, the winners' information is embargoed. ABC will provide winners with a news release and photograph(s) within several weeks of the ceremony.

Applicant Agreement

I understand the entry fee is non-refundable.

I hereby give permission to Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) to use the photographs and any information submitted to the ABC Central Texas Excellence in Construction Awards competition in ABC awards materials, including presentations and printed matter, as well as promotional materials and news releases.

General Contracting/Construction Management Categories

Category	Subcategory			
Mega Project All projects over \$100 million	None			
Commercial Office buildings, banks, retail facilities, hotels, and mixed use	Less than \$5 million	\$5 to \$10 million	\$10 to \$25 million	\$25 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	Less than \$10 million		\$10 to \$100 million	
Health Care Hospitals, assisted living, nursing homes and other licensed medical facilities	Less than \$10 million	\$10 to \$25 million	\$25 to \$100 million	
Historical Restoration / Renovation Restoration of buildings registered as historical, or eligible to be registered as historical	Less than \$25 million		\$25 to \$100 million	
Industrial Manufacturing plants and facilities, refineries and similar types of construction	Less than \$5 million	\$5 to \$10 million	\$10 to \$25 million	\$25 to \$100 million
Institutional Projects owned by schools, churches and local governments, with the exception of health care facilities	Less than \$5 million	\$5 to \$10 million	\$10 to \$25 million	\$25 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	Less than \$4 million	\$4 to \$10 million	\$10 to \$100 million	
Residential Residential, including independent living retirement communities	Multifamily and condominium up to \$100 million			
Special Projects Construction not specifically referred to in the prior categories (e.g. theme parks, zoos, skate parks, water parks and other unique types of projects)	Less than \$2 million		\$2 to \$100 million	

Specialty Contracting Categories

Category	Subcategory	
Community / Public Service Philanthropic projects that enhance the community, using substantial resources donated by the contractor	None	
Electrical: Commercial Schools, hospitals, outdoor lighting, institutional, shopping centers	Less than \$2 million	\$2-\$10 million
Electrical: Industrial Manufacturing plants, processing plants, instrumentation and testing facilities involving motor control	Less than \$2 million	\$2-\$10 million
Electrical All projects	More than \$10 million	
Mechanical: Commercial Schools, hospitals, institutional, shopping centers	Less than \$2 million	\$2-\$10 million
Mechanical: Industrial Manufacturing plants, processing plants and pneumatic controls	Less than \$10 million	
Mechanical All projects	More than \$10 million	
Exteriors Masonry, precast or stone	All contract amounts	
Exteriors All other exterior finishes not specifically referred to in the prior category	All contract amounts	
Interiors Acoustical, drywall, millwork or plaster	All contract amounts	
Interiors All other interior finishes	All contract amounts	
Sitework / Landscape / Hardscape Interior/exterior, landscaping and parking lots	All contract amounts	
Specialty Construction: Commercial Commercial construction not specifically referred to in the prior categories	Less than \$10 million	More than \$10 million
Specialty Construction: Industrial Industrial construction not specifically referred to in the prior categories	Less than \$10 million	More than \$10 million