



Excellence in Construction Awards Rules & Guidelines

Associated Builders and Contractors invites your company to enter its best projects in the 2023 ABC CF Excellence in Construction Awards Competition and celebrate the chapter's 50th Anniversary year!

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Program Overview

The purpose of the ABC Excellence in Construction Awards program is to recognize the outstanding projects built by ABC CF members. Such recognition will bring about a greater industry awareness of the quality and craftsmanship of work produced by merit shop contractors and their team.

All award winners will be recognized at the Excellence in Construction Awards banquet on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the Hilton Orlando on Destination Parkway.

Eligibility

- Company must be an ABC CF **General Contractor** or **Subcontractor** member
 - **Joint ventures** are eligible if the company entering is a Central FL Chapter member
 - Subcontractors may enter a project even if the GC is not a current ABC CF member
 - Subcontractors may enter a project even if the GC did not enter the project
 - There is no limit to the number of projects a company may enter
- The project entered should be completed (e.g., Certificate of Occupancy issued) by **April 30, 2023**.
- Projects that won ABC awards in previous years are **not** eligible except in the case of substantial renovation or additions.
- Project does not have to be within Central Florida or even in Florida, however the contracting office must be within the Seminole, Orange, Lake, Volusia, or Osceola County.
- Must submit survey and receive permission from owner if the project is owned by WDI, WDW, or Universal.
- Projects with a safety-related fatality within the current program year is not eligible for an EIC Award. No project that involves prime, multi-prime or sub-trade contractors with a safety-related fatality is eligible to be considered for an award.

Overview of Awards

- **Eagle Award** – Only one project from each category and contract amount may be awarded the first place Eagle Award. Project must earn 80% or more of the eligible points and score highest in their category. Eagle Award winners will receive a complimentary Soaring Eagle trophy, which will be presented on stage at the awards banquet and will be listed in the annual EIC Awards magazine.
- **Award of Merit** – Projects must earn a minimum of 70% of the eligible points for an Award of Merit. Winners are listed in the annual EIC Awards magazine and will receive a complimentary plaque.
- **Honorable Mention** - If a project does not earn the minimum points required for an Award of Merit, the project will receive Honorable Mention.

Special Awards

- **BEAM Club Member of the Year** - The BEAM Club was established in 1966 by the National Board of Directors as an exclusive club to recognize members that champion membership across the country. This award celebrates one member for recruiting the most new members throughout the year.
- **Free Enterprise Awards** – One General Contractor company and one Subcontractor company will be presented this award for utilizing the largest number of ABC CF members (*subcontractors, suppliers, and associate members*) working directly on any one project that is entered in this year's awards competition. Free Enterprise Award winners do not have to be Eagle Award winners.
- **Subcontractor Project of the Year Award** – Subcontractor projects that win an Eagle may be nominated for the top Subcontractor Award. Up to five projects may be nominated and asked to give a presentation of their project at the ABC office for final judging. The nominees are judged on complexity and challenge level, the uniqueness and innovation of construction, and the level of exceptional quality.
- **Project of the Year Award** – General contractor projects that win an Eagle may be nominated for the Project of the Year Award. Up to five projects may be nominated and asked to give a second on-site presentation and tour of their project. The winning project exemplifies the contributions of quality construction to Central Florida. The nominees are judged on complexity and challenge level, the uniqueness and innovation of construction, the level of exceptional quality, and the effect on the Central Florida community.
- **Other Special Awards** – Special awards may be given at the discretion of the judges and EIC Awards Committee.

**All Special Awards are announced the night of the banquet*

Schedule & Guidelines

<i>January</i>	Submit Survey; Request Permission to enter for WDI, WDW, or Universal Projects	Email eic@abccentralflorida.org with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GC on Project • Subcontractor Name (<i>if Subcontractor Entry</i>) • Contact Name/Info. at Company • Project Name
<i>February</i>	Deadline for Survey/Intent to Participate	Email eic@abccentralflorida.org
<i>March</i>	EIC Workshops	RSVP at eic@abccentralflorida.org
<i>April</i>	Submit WDI, WDW or Universal Project Entries for Owners' Review and Approval	Send DRAFT of EIC Entry Form to eic@abccentralflorida.org by April 1 for ABC staff to send to Disney and Universal representatives for review/mark ups
	EIC Workshop	RSVP at eic@abccentralflorida.org
	Entry Submission(s) Due	
	April 30	
	Additional Attachments Due	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope (<i>Required</i>) • Narrative • Sub List • Safety Attachments (<i>Required</i>) • STEP Certificate • Photographs (<i>Required</i>) • Third-Party Signed Waiver (<i>Required for Photographs</i>)
<i>May</i>	STEP Applications Due	STEP participation is not required but by completing the National STEP (<i>Safety Training Evaluation Process</i>) application and listing Central Florida Chapter ABC as a primary or additional chapter, you will earn an additional 4 points . Safety Bonus points will count towards your project entry score if STEP application is completed by May 15, 2023 . Enter online: abc.org/en-us/safety/step.aspx .
<i>June</i>	EIC Judging: On-site Presentations or Presentations at ABC Office	After all entries are evaluated for location and category type, ABC will create a judging schedule based on the availability of each lead presenter, project site, and judges/volunteers. The schedule is created based on the Project Judging Information supplied on the Entry Form, so verify with all parties (<i>project site, owner, presenter, etc.</i>) prior to submitting and then keep ABC up to date if there are changes in the availability or schedule. Flexibility increases the opportunity for a successful presentation and score.

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All entries become the property of the Central Florida Chapter Associated Builders and Contractors and may be used for publication, or any other promotional purposes ABC CF deems appropriate.

The EIC Awards Committee has set judging criteria. Selection of judges is at the discretion of the Awards Committee. Results of the scoring of individual projects will remain **confidential**. The decisions of the EIC Awards Committee regarding criteria, selection of judges, classification of projects and selection of winning projects are final.

Entry Checklist

Project: _____ Project: _____

Entry Form		
Scope		
Narrative		
Sub List		
Photos		
Photographer's License to Use Agreement		
Rights & Agreement		
STEP		
Payment		
Safety		
Substance Abuse Policy Example/Summary		
Safety & Health Policy Manual Summary or Table of Contents		
Site-Specific Safety & Health Policy Manual Summary or Table of Contents		
New Employee Safety Orientation – Copy of Agenda		
Job Hazard Analysis		
Safety Site Inspection		
Equipment Inspection		
Safety Training		
Innovative Safety Programs on Project		

Categories

**ABC CF & the Excellence in Construction Awards committee have the right to change categories as they see best fit*

Subcontractor/Specialty Work: Subcontractors, select **ONE** category

- Concrete
- Electrical
- Exterior Finishes
- Fire Protection
- Furnishings/Interior Specialties
- Glass & Glazing – Doors/Windows
- HVAC
- Interior Finishes – Drywall, metal support assemblies, plaster, tile, terrazzo, ceilings, walls, floors, acoustical, paints, coatings (select one): _____
- Landscape/Hardscape
- Masonry, Precast or Stone
- Plumbing
- Site Work
- Structural & Miscellaneous Metals
- Thermal & Moisture Protection – Roofing
- Wood & Millwork
- Other Specialty Construction - Construction not specifically referred to in the above categories (theming, lightning protection, pools, building automation, special purpose rooms, etc.): _____

General Contractor/Building Type: General Contractors, select **ONE** category

- Commercial – Office buildings, banks, retail, hotels, mixed use
- Community Service – Philanthropic projects, regardless of type, that enhance the community, using substantial (35%=) resources donated by the contractor. Entries should include information detailing the donated resources.
- Entertainment Facilities – Theme parks, zoos, water parks, stadiums, sports arenas, etc.
- Historical Renovation – Restoration of historical buildings
- Health Care – Hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living, and other licensed medical facilities
- Industrial – Manufacturing plants and facilities, refineries, and similar types of construction
- Infrastructure: Heavy – Streets, highways, dams and bridges
- Infrastructure: Light – Parks and community trails
- Institutional – Projects owned by schools, churches and local governments except for health care facilities
- Interiors – Tenant build-out
- Pre-engineered Buildings
- Public Works/Environmental - Water treatment plants, sewage treatment plants
- Residential/Multifamily – Residential, including independent living retirement communities, single family projects, multifamily, and condominiums
- Other Construction – Construction not specifically referred to in the above categories: _____

Scope

A description (*no more than a page*) of the scope for this project with the following information:

- Type of Construction
- Size of Project
- Contract Value
- Duration of Project
- Percentage of Labor (*self-performed*)
- Describe the opportunities you provide to the construction community to participate based on merit

Narrative

Provide a written narrative indicating why this project deserves to win an award and what makes it a more specialized project. The focus of the narrative should be the construction (*erection, installation, modification, grade footprint, etc.*) of the project. Photos, images, and progression photos are suggested. Be sure to include the following information:

- Innovative Programs (*Quality Control, Scheduling, etc.*)
- Value Analysis and Engineering Processes
- Special Obstacles Overcame
- Difficulties or Extenuating Circumstances Encountered
- Innovative Programs or Methods related to Productivity

For further information, please contact Taylor Tidwell, Events and Engagement Director, or attend a free Soaring into Excellence Workshop hosted in March or April.

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