

## GENERAL INFO

1. The Excellence in Construction Awards Program promotes the quality construction performed by ABC members – merit shop contractors who are committed to maintaining high performance standards in the projects they build.
2. Entries must be from current members of ABC San Diego, and must be received at the chapter office by Sept 22, 2010. Projects must be substantially completed between Sept. 2008 and entry deadline. *Owner information and registration form are due by 9/1/2010. NEW DEADLINES! Submit project and owner information by 9/9 and projects by 9/24!*
3. The entry fee is \$350 per project and may be paid by check or credit card. Make checks payable to ABC. The project entry fee *includes one trophy or plaque per project and two complimentary tickets to the awards dinner which will be held in November 2010.* Additional trophies may be ordered at a cost. You will be notified of the opportunity to do this prior to awards ceremony.
4. Firms may enter up to five projects. A completed registration form is required for each project submitted. Choose which category best represents your company's abilities in the performance of the project. **\*\*In the local competition only, entries from contractors with a business volume of over 5 Million for 2010 will be eligible to win the top project by a GC or subcontractor, regardless of project size. Contractors with business volume of less than 5 Million for 2010 will be judged against projects from contractors of a similar size. The top project in this class will receive a special award.**
5. Complete all information requested, as accurately as possible. Names and addresses should be printed or typed, as they are to appear on the award. Other information may be used in the official event program. Signature page must be signed for entry to be valid.
6. Judges will represent a cross-section of the industry, and may include architects, engineers, contractors, and construction buyers. Judges will evaluate projects using your entry information and photos, based on craftsmanship, execution/coordination, difficult and/or unusual challenges, owner satisfaction, safety and overall uniqueness.
7. You must win at the Chapter level – Merit or better – to enter the ABC National Excellence in Construction Awards competition. Please contact the Chapter office for deadlines and competition information.
8. Chapter awards will be announced in October, and presented at an awards banquet in November.

ABC NATIONAL  
ENTRY CATEGORIES

## General Construction – GC or CM

- ◆ Mega Projects – All projects over \$100M
- ◆ Commercial – Office Buildings, Banks, Retail, Hotels, Multi-Family/ Mixed Use Residential – under 5M, 5-10M, \$10-99M
- ◆ Industrial – Manufacturing Plants And Facilities – under 5M, 5-10M, \$10-99M
- ◆ Institutional – Schools, Churches, Prisons, Airports – under 5M, 5-10M, \$10-99M
- ◆ Healthcare – Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Medical Centers – under 5M, 5-10M, \$10-99M
- ◆ Residential – Single Family only over \$1M
- ◆ Public Works Environmental – Water Treatment, Sewage Treatment, Parks Etc. – All sizes
- ◆ Public Works Infrastructure – Streets, Highways, Pipelines, Dams, Bridges, etc. – All sizes
- ◆ Historical Restoration – under 2M, 2-10M, 10-99M
- ◆ Renovation – Non Historical Existing Buildings – under 2M, 2-10M, \$10-99M
- ◆ Pre-Engineered Buildings – Institutional, Shopping Centers, Manufacturing Plants, Hangars, Military Facilities, Entertainment Centers, etc. – All sizes
- ◆ General Construction – any project under \$500,000
- ◆ International – All projects outside the United States
- ◆ Other Construction – Construction not specifically referred to above – Theme Parks, Skate Parks, Water Parks, Performing Arts Centers, Zoos

## Specialty Construction

- ◆ Electrical – All Projects Over \$10M
- ◆ Electrical Commercial under \$2M, \$2-10M –for people comfort and occupancy - Office Buildings; Hospitals; Schools; Retail; Hotels and Convention Centers; Multi-Family Residential; Fountain Features; Stadiums; Fire/Security Alarms; Outdoor Lighting; Existing Facility Renovation.
- ◆ Electrical Industrial under \$2M, \$2-10M - for the purpose of facilitating processes or manufacturing – Airports; Manufacturing/Processing Plants; Data Centers; Printing Centers; Animal Facilities; Testing Facilities including Instrumentation, Labs and Clean Rooms; Existing Facility Renovation.
- ◆ Mechanical – All Projects Over \$10M
- ◆ Mechanical Commercial under \$2M, \$2-10M – See 'Electrical Commercial' for Project Types
- ◆ Mechanical Industrial under \$2M, \$2-10M – See 'Electrical Industrial' for Project Types
- ◆ Interior Contractor (all sizes) –Metal Stud, Gypsum, Tile, Ceilings Flooring, Wall covering, Painting, etc.
- ◆ Exterior Finishes (all sizes) – Exterior Walls, Roofs
- ◆ Site work/Landscape ( all sizes) – Interior/Exterior Landscape, Parks, Aquatic Centers, Parking Lots and Parking Structures, etc.
- ◆ Miscellaneous Special Projects - projects not specifically referred to in above categories, such as Building-Sized Artwork, Artistic Scaffolding, etc.

The quality of an entry's presentation can improve its chances of winning a higher award. This does not mean you need to hire a graphic artist to put your entry together. It does mean that you do need to attention to the directions, answer questions articulately and completely and use the best-quality photographs available for your project and scope of work.

Entry must be in a 3-ring binder, not to exceed 12" x 16". Company name and project name must be displayed on the cover. Create a tab with a label for each of the sections listed below.

**NOTE: Project and owner information (back of this form) must be completed and returned to ABC by 9/9/2010. Project submissions are due by 9/24/2010. Include a copy of the completed official registration form with binder.**

1. **Photographs** - the best quality photos receive the greatest exposure and promotion. Try to use photographs that are visually interesting and capture the essence of the work being judged. Good lighting is essential for presentation quality photos. *Applicants must obtain the rights from the photographer to reprint the photos without limitations, and must ensure permission has been obtained to copy and send photos to ABC for use without limitations.. Any liability for copyright violation shall be borne solely by the applicant.* At least five, but no more than ten photographs. For best presentation, photographs should 8"x10".

Photos must be clearly marked with the Entrant's name, Project Name, and Entrant Category. Use labels on back of photographs for this, and to provide an optional brief description, comments or caption. Keep the electronic image clear of any labels or captions – and of the date picture was taken, if possible.

CD-ROM – Provide a CD-ROM with copies of the photographs being submitted for your project in high resolution jpg or eps format – saved at 300 dpi at 4" x 6" or larger. Use permanent ink marker to label CD with your name and name of project, and include CD in a 3-ring vinyl sleeve. Digital photos may NOT be contained within another software program, such as PowerPoint, Word or Acrobat. We will choose several photos to use in a multi-media presentation.

2. **Narrative** - detailed description of the project. Describe innovative programs relating to personnel management, quality control, budgeting, scheduling, value engineering and value saved, difficult conditions, environmental considerations, special obstacles, extenuating circumstances, etc. Be sure to note the project's unusual challenges or unique features. Why is this project special? What qualifies it for an Award? (Maximum five pages)
3. **Safety Record**– List safety records for the project, including total man hours for all disciplines included in your contract (GC/CM should include all specialty contractors' hours). List OSHA recordable, restricted day or lost-time accidents. Note if they were under your scope of work or the work performed by your subcontractors. Discuss any site-specific or innovative safety programs used, and also whether specialized craft training was utilized. Summarize your company's safety/health policy manual, and information about site-specific policies. No project with a safety-related fatality, regardless of contractor or trade, is eligible to receive consideration for an award. (Maximum three pages)
4. **References** – Please include letters of recommendation from owner, architect, and other endorsements or third party comments. GC should submit letter from owner or architect. Specialty contractors should submit letter from owner/CM or general contractor.
 

Note: ABC will send out an Owner Survey. This survey is a significant factor in judging the project – judges rely on the satisfaction of the owner in a wide variety of categories, including quality and performance of work, schedules, cleanliness, safety, supervisory cooperation, communications and cost control. It would be in your best interest to contact the owner in advance and apprise them of the judging process and requirements, making sure they agree to reply to our survey in September.
5. **Merit Shop Involvement** – Did the project provide opportunities for others to participate based on merit? List any ABC member contractors involved in the project. You will not be penalized if no other ABC members are involved. **\*\*Please provide a brief narrative about one subcontractor whose commitment to the project was exceptional. This subcontractor will be considered for special recognition.**
6. **Accredited Quality Contractor/STEP Awards** – If your company has received an AQC award from National, you may include a copy of the certificate in this section. If you are an ABC STEP award recipient, include copy of the STEP certificate for current year in this section. You will not be penalized for not participating in either the AQC or STEP program, although the National competition does provide points for having either or both.
7. **Supplemental Materials** - The following items are not mandatory, but will be accepted as part of the judging material. Remember, projects will be judged based on overall project quality and distinctiveness of the work performed, not on graphic content of the supplemental material. Diagrams, graphic supporting information; copies of any local or national press coverage or articles published in trade magazines; and marketing/promotional materials, leasing brochures, etc. You may also list any awards project has received.

# OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

\*MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ENTRY CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Check here if your company volume is less than 5 million for 2010 [small & mid-sized entry class]

\*Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Project Manager, Superintendent[s] and/or Other Key Personnel to be recognized:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please nominate one field employee who demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the project:

\_\_\_\_\_

## PROJECT INFORMATION

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

\*Address/Location of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Dates Entrant's Construction Began and Substantially Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Amount of Entrant's Contract: \_\_\_\_\_ % of Labor Self-Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Project Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Square Footage: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Contract: \_\_\_ Design/Build \_\_\_ Cost Plus \_\_\_ CM \_\_\_ Competitively Bid

## PROJECT OWNER INFORMATION

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

\*Owner's Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Owner's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Owner's Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Owner's Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project Design Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Design Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Project and owner information must be received by 9/9/10. Register online at [www.eicawards.com](http://www.eicawards.com). Please fill out the form and submit electronically to [hanna@abcscd.org](mailto:hanna@abcscd.org). Include a signed and completed copy with your final project submission.**

\*Denotes required information. ❖ All entries become the property of Associated Builders and Contractors. ABC will retain entry binder as long as it is needed to fulfill program requirements. ❖ Photographs become the property of ABC. Applicants must obtain the rights from their photographer to reprint the photographs without limitations. Ownership of a physical photo is not necessarily sufficient; applicants should ensure they have permission to copy and send photos to ABC for use without limitations. Any liability for copyright violation shall be borne solely by the applicant. ❖ I hereby grant to Associated Builders and Contractors the right to reproduce and distribute copies of the work as needed (i.e., presentations, printed matter, promotional materials and news releases) throughout the year. In addition, I grant ABC the right to use my company name, photograph and biography in connection with the work. ❖ I hereby warrant the work is original with me, that its publication will not infringe on the rights of others, and that I have full power to make this warranty.

Project Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicable only to final project submission)

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Project submission deadline is 9/24/2010. Deliver completed entries to:  
**Associated Builders and Contractors, San Diego Chapter ❖ 13825 Kirkham Way, Poway, CA 92064**  
Telephone: 858/513.4700 ❖ Fax: 858/513.2372 ❖ Email: [hanna@abcscd.org](mailto:hanna@abcscd.org)



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## Entry Requirements

Submit registration form by Sept 9 - extended deadline!

**New Project Submission Deadline Sept 24 2010**

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