

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 23, 2011. Projects must be substantially completed between Sept. 2009 and entry deadline. **Owner information and registration form are due by 8/29/11.**
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 on November 17, 2011.* 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. Entries from contractors with a business volume of over 5 Million for 2011 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 2011 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. Projects names 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 September, and presented at an awards banquet in November.
9. Your project entry category will be required at the National Level; for the local competition, please include the project type on the entry form choosing from one: Commercial, Healthcare, Historical Restoration/Renovation, Industrial, Infrastructure, Institutional, Pre-Engineered Building, Public Works/Environmental, Renovation, Residential, Other Construction, or Mega Projects (over \$100 million).



PROJECT SUBMISSION SPECIFICATIONS

Scoring

Each project entry can earn a total possible score of **60 points per judge**. A total of 14 bonus points are also available and will be added to the total score. The project components and their point values are listed on the following page.

Tips for Success

In addition to choosing a great project, the following tips will help you to submit an award winning entry.

- To maximize points, complete all project components. Attention to detail is key.
- Submit a clear, detailed project narrative. The narrative should provide the judges with a clear picture of how your project sets industry standards for quality, design, safety, and innovation.
- Be creative! Presentation is an important element.
- Ask questions. Call Scott or Hanna at the Chapter Office with questions about the guidelines at 858.513.4700.
- Submit your project entry in a 3-ring binder format, not to exceed 12x16. Include company and project name on the cover.

Bonus Points

Bonus points will be awarded for each project based on the following criteria as an objective measure of outstanding project components and contractor successes.

3 points – Exceptional presentation of the project narrative. Was the narrative clear and detailed? Were the challenges and overall project completion outlined including unique project features and job-specific statistics?

1 point – Awarded if project was under budget.

1 point – Awarded if project was ahead of schedule.

2 points – Bonus for no OSHA recordables, restricted day or lost-time accidents

2 points – Bonus for an exceptional safety program that was job and/or site specific.

Up to 3 points – STEP Award recipient – 1 pt for Gold Level, 2 pts for Platinum Level, 3 pts for Diamond Level

1 point – Accredited Quality Contractor

1 point – Supplemental materials included

Project Components and Judging Criteria

Include each numbered section in your project submission.

1. **Photographs and video** – Photographs must be included, but no points are awarded for this section. 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 and project name. Use labels 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.

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. 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. A short video of your project can be submitted for the judge's review. The video may also be used as part of the awards presentation to showcase the project.
2. **Narrative (30 points)** – Provide an overview of the project from design to completion. Describe innovative programs relating to project design and implementation, personnel management, quality control, budgeting, scheduling, value engineering and value saved. A significant part of the scoring will focus on **Design and Project Completion and Technical Considerations**. Was there an aspect of this project that made it unique? Was the project on budget and on schedule? If not, please provide a brief explanation as to the circumstances and how you, as the contractor, responded to the delay in schedule to mitigate the impact. A narrative of difficult conditions, environmental considerations, special obstacles, extenuating circumstances, and the contractor response is an important element of this section. Be sure to note the project's unusual challenges or unique features. Why is this project special? What qualifies it for an award? (maximum of five pages)
3. **Safety Record (10 points)** – List safety records for the project using bullet points or clear headers, 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 and an explanation if necessary.** 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 the company safety/health policy focusing on job-specific or site-specific policies and how they were implemented. 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 (4 points)/Owner Evaluation* (5 points)** - 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.

***Owner Evaluation:** ABC will contact the project owner directly to request a one page owner evaluation based on pre-established criteria including quality of work performed, meeting of schedules, cost control, cooperation from supervisory personnel, general communication and overall satisfaction with the contractor's performance. This survey is a significant factor in judging. 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.
5. **Merit Shop Involvement (3 points)** - Did the project provide opportunities for contractors to participate based on merit? If you are a General Contractor, did you foster sub-contractor participation based on the open shop philosophy? Identify a specific way this positively impacted the project construction. List any ABC member contractors involved in the project. ****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 (bonus points)** – ABC encourages involvement in safety and quality contractor programs. If you are an ABC STEP award recipient, include copy of the STEP certificate for current year in this section. If you are an Accredited Quality Contractor, as awarded from National, you may include a copy of the certificate in this section. Bonus points will be awarded based on your STEP Award level and if you qualified to receive an AQC award.
7. **Supplemental Materials (3 points)** - 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.

Is the submission complete? (5 points) – Points will be awarded if all sections are present and one bonus point will be awarded if supplemental materials are included.

Pictured above: 2009 Eagle Winner Miramar Design-Build Clubhouse, **Stronghold Engineering, Inc.**

Pictured on front cover: 2010 Pyramid Award Winner & featured project in the March 2011 Construction Executive, Red Rock Canyon Visitor's Center, Las Vegas, NV, **Straub Construction**. Also on front cover: Top project by a sub-contractor for 2009 in the San Diego Chapter Competition, Quechan Casino and Resort, **Collins Plumbing, Inc.**

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

*MEMBER NAME: _____ PROJECT TYPE: _____

___ Check here if your company volume is less than 5 million for 2011 (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: _____

* Denotes required information. Project and owner information must be received by 8/29/2011. Please fill out the form and submit electronically to hanna@abcsc.org.

Include a signed and completed copy with your final project submission.

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. Binders can be returned upon the contractor's request. ❖ 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 _____

Title _____ (Applicable only to final project submission)

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Project submission deadline is 9/23/2011. 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@abcsc.org



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Entry Requirements

Submit registration form
by August 29, 2011

Project Submission

Deadline

Sept 23, 2011

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