



Excellence in Construction Awards Rules & Guidelines

Associated Builders and Contractors invites your company to enter its best projects in the 2025 ABC CF Excellence in Construction Awards Competition and celebrate the industry's finest!

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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 17, 2026 at the Hilton Orlando on Destination Parkway and through many publication avenues through the chapter.

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) between April 30, 2025 and **May 30, 2026**. **There is some flexibility depending on project and situation, please ask ABC staff to clarify*
- Projects that won ABC awards in previous years are **not** eligible except in the case of substantial renovation or additions.
- Projects are not limited to Central Florida and can be submitted from anywhere members do work around the country.
- WDI, WDW, or Universal – These projects require additional approval process, please clarify with an ABC staff member.
- 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

- **Beamer 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.
- **Model Members of the Year Awards** – One contractor level winner as well as one associate or supplier level member company will be presented this award for maximizing their ABC membership to the fullest by making new business relationships, enriching networking experiences, and gaining a wealth of industry knowledge. This award is determined based on company attendance at events, supporting programs, joining a committee, volunteering at events, contributing to industry publications, participating in safety, referring members, and getting company trained.
- **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.
- **Young Professional of the Year** – One young professional within the Central Florida community to be honored for their above and beyond efforts and surpassing industry standards. This can be any member of your company that you nominate, a member of the students chapters, or young professionals group at the chapter.
- **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

January	Respond to Intent to participate request; request permission to enter for WDI, WDW, or Universal Projects	Email eic@abccf.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 • How many projects plan to enter
March	EIC Workshop March 10 April 9	Make the most of your entry by learning the process from start to finish, how to obtain bonus points, or refresh your knowledge of the program. RSVP at eic@abccf.org <i>*One on ones can also be scheduled with staff to assist</i>
March	Submit WDI, WDW or Universal Project Entries for Owners' Review and Approval	Send DRAFT of EIC Entry Form to eic@abccf.org by March 30 for ABC staff to send to Disney and Universal representatives for review/mark ups
April	Entry Submission(s) Due April 30	
	Additional Attachments Due April 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope <i>(Required)</i> • Narrative • Sub List • Safety Attachments <i>(Required)</i> • Photographs <i>(Required)</i> • Third-Party Signed Waiver <i>(Required for Photographs)</i>
May	STEP Applications Due May 15	STEP participation is required and 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 every project entry score if STEP application is completed by May 15, 2026 . <i>*Safety is required to be eligible for special awards</i> Enter online: abc.org/en-us/safety/step.aspx .
June	EIC Judging: On-site Presentations or Presentations at ABC Office Virtual Presentations June 17 June 19 June 23 June 25 Virtual: June 30 July 1 July 8-9	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.

		<p>Flexibility increases the opportunity for a successful presentation and score.</p> <p>ABC will assign a date, start, and end time to each project for judging and notify each contractor. Each contractor is responsible to confirm meeting date and time assigned/relay to others involved.</p> <p>Note: When a project needs to be rescheduled for judging, it can affect up to 10-12 people involved in the judging team's schedule. So, please communicate and verify information – get on everyone's calendars.</p>
July	Scoring/Results	<p>Projects in the same category will be judged using the same criteria. Judging criteria can be viewed – abccentralflorida.com/professional-development/abc-awards-recognition/excellence-in-construction-awards/</p>
August	Results Announced	<p>ABC CF staff will alert the contact on entry form of award won for Eagle, Award of Merit, and Honorable Mention.</p>
August /September	Nominees for Subcontractor Project of the Year & General Contractor Project of the Year Determined/Announced	<p>Excellence in Construction Awards Committee reviews all Eagle Award winning entries for nominee selection</p> <p>ABC CF staff will alert nominees & schedule 2nd round of judging process</p> <p>Final winners announced the night of the EIC Awards Banquet</p>
August /September	Get your ad into the Excellence in Construction Awards Magazine	<p>ABC publishes a magazine every year to recognize the outstanding projects built by ABC CF members. The magazine is distributed at the awards banquet, sent to all ABC CF members, and mailed as an insert along ENR Southeast's magazine to over 5,000 construction industry businesses. All projects entered in the awards are included, along with company and project team personnel names. All ABC CF members can highlight their company in the magazine through advertisements. Winning companies can promote their company's amazing work and accomplishments.</p> <p>Link to Magazine: abccentralflorida.com/events/eic-awards/</p> <p>To sign up early or for more information, email eic@abccf.org</p>
	National Excellence in Construction Awards	<p>Eagle and Award of Merit winning projects will be eligible to be entered in the National ABC Excellence in Construction competition. Any project with a safety related fatality is ineligible for the National EIC Awards. For more information visit abc.org.</p>
October	EIC Awards Banquet	<p>Celebrate your companies' accomplishments!</p>

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: _____

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		

***Sublists submitted should include full contact information (company, company address, phone number, and company rep.)**

Categories

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

Subcontractor/Specialty Work:

- Concrete
- Electrical
- Exterior Finishes
- Fire Protection
- Glass & Glazing
- HVAC
- Interior Finishes
- Masonry, Precast or Stone
- Plumbing
- Site Work / Landscape / Hardscape
- Structural & Miscellaneous Metals
- Thermal & Moisture Protection
- 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:

- Commercial – Office buildings, banks, retail, hotels, mixed use
- 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 – Streets, highways, dams, bridges, parks, 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 impact this project has had on the surrounding community

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

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