American Council of Engineering Companies **Nebraska**

## Eligibility

* Project completion or disclosure within date range Nov. 1, 2013 – Oct. 31, 2015
* **ANY FIRM**, ACEC/N **membe**r or **non-member**, engaged in the private practice of engineering or surveying.
* Any ACEC/N member firm for any project completed anywhere in the world with Nebraska-based work.
* Non-member firms projects completed in Nebraska.

## Benefits

* Demonstrates pride in your firm and work, and provides a platform for extended firm promotion of your project.
* Provides the opportunity to publicize the depth and breadth of your firm’s qualifications and experience.
* Recognizes quality relationships with your client.
* Confirms your client’s beliefs in your design of new ideas and innovative solutions.
* Provides the opportunity to invite your client to the awards banquet.
* Provides statewide publicity for your project and client.
* Increases your exposure to the public during E-week.
* Provides the opportunity to enter your project in the national ACEC competition, which provides exposure to political leaders.

**Award Classifications**

**GRAND AWARD**

One top overall state winner

**HONOR AWARDS**

Next 3 highest scoring projects (Judges may award additional awards in this category)

**CATEGORY WINNER**

The top scoring project for each category

**MERIT AWARDS**

 All remaining entries

2016 Engineering Excellence

Awards*Call For Entries*

**Tell Your Project’s Story!**

**You may think of it as everyday engineering, but to your clients and the public; this is a unique project with a unique solution.**

**A compelling narrative helps the judges understand and visualize how you demonstrated Engineering Excellence.**

Once a year, the American Council of Engineering Companies celebrates those projects exhibiting the best of the best – our member’s most innovative projects. The Engineering Excellence Awards recognize engineering firms for the projects that demonstrate a high degree of achievement. We encourage your firm to submit projects for consideration.

We celebrate the awards as a highlight of E-Week activities. The week kicks off with the Omaha World Herald Engineer’s Week Supplement coordinated by ACEC/N that will appear in the Sunday edition on **February 21, 2016.**

Award winners for 2016 will be recognized on **February 24, 2016**, during an awards gala. All entrants and firm principals will be formally invited and we encourage you to invite your clients to join you for this celebration of Engineering in Nebraska.

Please contact the ACEC/Nebraska office with any questions or for more information. I look forward to seeing many outstanding projects!

Have fun and good luck!

Jackie McCullough

Executive Director, ACEC Nebraska

**Judges/Criteria**

A distinguished panel of judges with backgrounds from engineering, architecture, state and federal government, media, academia, and the military review the projects. Judges score the top projects in all categories, and from those determine the tier of winners.

**Project entries will be judged on the following:**

* overall engineering excellence in each of 13 categories
* work performed by the entering firm only, and
* according to the four rating guidelines

**Submission Guidelines – due date October 30th**

* Complete the fill-in Word doc Award submittal form, add photos, any support images, and sign.
* Have your Owner/Client and Owner’s Representative sign the separate signature page.
* Create a PowerPoint slide template (examples included).
* Use included checklist to ensure submittal complete for judging.
* Name and save the document with the firm name followed by EEA2016, and the submittal #. Example: LRA EEA2016 1

***Rating Guidelines***

## Entry Fee

* **$350** - ACEC/N Members working on a project anywhere in the world.
* **$550** – ACEC National Members who are not ACEC/N Members submitting a Nebraska-based project.
* **$750** – Nebraska-based, non-ACEC members submitting a Nebraska-based project.
* **$200** – First time or returning\*\*
* **$175** – Small Firm Projects

**\*\*First Time or Returning Entrant**

If your firm is submitting for the first time, or if your firm has not entered the ACEC/N competition for at least 5 years**. This special rate applies to ACEC/N members only.**

**Payment Options:**

* **Check** made payable to ACEC/Nebraska
* **Credit Card** via PayPal

Service fee 3%

**Please send entry fees by the due date to:**

ACEC Nebraska

Cornhusker Plaza

301 South 13th St., Ste. #410

Lincoln, NE 68508

**Due Date:**

***October 30, 2015***

**Send all attachments to:** **julie@acecnebraska.org**

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| 1 | ProblemUse any or all of the following to describe the project:* Problem(s)/Need(s) to be addressed
* Scope
* Context / Background
* Requirements
* Goals
* Purpose

Include if applicable:* Was this project a piece or a symptom of a larger problem?
 | 25 points |
| 2 | **Solution**Address any or all that apply to describe the solution(s):* Applications (means, methods, technology, materials or equipment, etc…)
* Approach (how)
* Benefits (why)
* Creativity/Ingenuity/Innovation
* Uniqueness
* Sustainability/Legacy
* Flexibility/Expandability

**Include if applicable:*** Were there multiple perspectives or possible alternatives?
* Did you use a new science or demonstrate a breakthrough in the general knowledge of engineering?
* Any secondary benefits or value to the community and/or environment?
* Any social, economic, or sustainable benefits?
 | 25 points |
| 3 | **Challenges**Address any or all that apply to describe the project challenges:* Complexity
* Uniqueness
* Extraordinary conditions (schedule, budget, site, location, access, or hazards)
* Flawed assumptions
* Regulations

**Include if applicable:*** Did this project test your ways of thinking?
* Did working on this project redefine the way you practice engineering?
* What makes this project worthy of an award?
 | 25 points |
| 4 | **Results**Address any or all that apply to describe the outcomes:* Project success
* Time/Schedule
* Budget
* Costs (economical and cost effective)
* Goals
* Public safety, health, or welfare improvements
* Client expectations and satisfaction
* Sustainability and long-term success

**Include if applicable:*** What makes this project outstanding?
 | 25 points |