

**EIC  
2024**



Greater Houston  
**2024 Excellence  
in Construction®**  
Awards

**CALL FOR ENTRIES**

 **Greater  
Houston**  
Associated Builders and Contractors

Celebrating the **Best** in  
Merit Shop Construction

# GENERAL OVERVIEW

Established in 2000, ABC Greater Houston recognizes outstanding projects in the commercial and industrial construction industry. Projects are evaluated by industry professionals, owners, architects, and engineers on safety, execution of design, craftsmanship, attention to detail, installation, and other considerations.

## CATEGORIES

### GENERAL CONTRACTOR PROJECTS

General Contracting, Construction Management (ground up and tenant finish).

- 1) Heavy Industrial - Construction (ie: Power, Petro-Chem, Refining, Energy, Paper Mill, Steel Mill)
- 2) Heavy Industrial - Maintenance/Small Cap (ie: Evergreen or Longterm, 6 Month Minimum, No Completion Date Required)
- 3) Heavy Industrial - Turnarounds & Shutdowns
- 4) Light Industrial (ie: Pharmaceutical Plants, Manufacturing Facilities, Warehouses)
- 5) Commercial (ie: Office Building, Retail Facilities, Churches, Banks, Hotels, Mixed Use)
- 6) Healthcare (ie: Hospitals, Clinics, Diagnostic Centers, Laboratories)
- 7) Historical Restoration
- 8) Institutional - Publicly Funded (ie: Schools, Airports, Libraries)
- 9) Interior (ie: Build Out, Remodel)
- 10) Infrastructure/Heavy, Public Works and Environmental (ie: Highways, Transit, Parks, Water Treatment Plants)
- 11) Residential (ie: Multi-family, Condos, Senior Living, Student)
- 12) Other (Construction not specifically referred to in the previous categories, ie: Theme Park, Zoo, Water Park, etc.)

### SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR PROJECTS

Projects where member performs specialty contracting.

- 1) Electrical
- 2) Finish Exterior (ie: Masonry, Precast, Stone, other exterior finishes)
- 3) Finish Interior (ie: Acoustical, Drywall, Millwork, Plaster, Other Interior Finishes)
- 3) Mechanical
- 4) Other Specialty Construction (Commercial)
- 5) Other Specialty Construction (Industrial)
- 6) Sitework/Landscaping

# ELIGIBILITY

Project(s) must be completed by an ABC Greater Houston member in good standing. Eligible projects must meet the following standards:

- Project(s) with a safety-related fatality, regardless of contractor trade, will NOT be considered for an Excellence in Construction award.
- General Contractors and Specialty Contractors are eligible to submit.
- Submitted projects must be completed by June 30, 2024.
- Projects built outside of Houston will be accepted if portions of the project were managed through member's Houston office.
- All entries must follow the Entry Criteria section.
- Submissions are due on July 19th
- Pay non-refundable entry free of \$400 per entry online or via check delivered to:  
Excellence in Construction Awards Competition  
Associated Builders and Contractors  
4910 Dacoma St.  
Houston, Texas 77092

\* You may apply for a variance from the Excellence In Construction Committee, which will grant exceptions on a case-by-case basis. Contact Danielle Hardy at (713) 523-6222 for more information.

# JUDGING

A panel of judges from the owner, architect, and engineering communities will review, evaluate and select Excellence In Construction winners. Judges will be randomly selected. There are two levels of awards: Excellence Award and Merit. Entries must earn a cumulative minimum of 85 points to be eligible to win an Excellence Award and must earn a cumulative total of at least 70 points to qualify for a Merit Award. Only one Excellence Award will be given in each category. Each project will be judged individually; consequently, awards may not be given in all categories.

No member or staff of the ABC Greater Houston Chapter will participate. Winners will be announced at the Excellence In Construction awards banquet to be held on Friday, September 20, 2024 at the Omni Hotel and Resorts. The Judging Committee reserves the right to reassign a project to a different category or realign categories.

# OVERALL PRESENTATION: 5 POINTS

Each entry will be judged on overall presentation and conformance to entry requirements.

**Keep the following in mind:**

- Uploaded documents should be pleasing to the eye and legible. Points will be deducted for type that is too small to easily read.
- Points will be deducted for grammatical errors, spelling mistakes, and other typographical errors.
- Be sure to utilize all allowable space to demonstrate why your project deserves an award.

# PROJECT INFORMATION

Provide the requested information exactly as it should appear in award-related materials and on the award.  
Must include your company logo as a PNG file.

**Note:** ALL companies must be ABC members in order to enter as a joint venture.

If only the majority partner is an ABCGH member, the project is eligible but not as a joint venture project. If only the majority owner is an ABCGH member, but not all partners are ABC members, only the majority owner is eligible to enter. Minority partners are not eligible.

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The requested project description and/or summary may be used for promotional purposes. The description should be between 30 and 40 words and the summary should be between 150 and 200 words. Both should highlight the most impressive/unique aspects of the job.

## **Key points to consider:**

- Significant number of man-hours worked without an incident
- Unusually fast-track schedule
- Extensive collaboration with the owner or other project stakeholders
- Significant weather events
- Whether work was completed under budget or ahead of schedule
- Innovative technology or project delivery methods used
- Sustainable elements of the job
- Impressive project size or quantity of materials used
- Site constraints
- Significant changes in scope

# CONTRACTED SCOPE: 10 POINTS

Provide a description (no more than one full page) of the scope for this project with the following information:

- Type of construction
- Type of contract (i.e., lump sum, time and materials, construction management at risk, cost plus, etc.)
- Size of project
- Contract value
- Duration of project
- Percentage of labor that is self-performed
- Any subcontracted work performed by fellow ABC members, suppliers or associates/industry professionals, if applicable.
- Opportunities you provided to the construction community to participate based on merit.



# NARRATIVE: 30 POINTS

Ensuring legibility when selecting font design and size, provide a written narrative (maximum of four pages\*) indicating why this project is special and why it qualifies for a national award. The focus of the narrative should be the construction (i.e., erection, installation, modification, grade footprint, etc.) of the project.

Be sure to include the following items:

- Describe any innovative programs relating to quality control
- Describe any innovative programs relating to scheduling
- Describe any value analysis/engineering process used on the project
- Indicate any special obstacles you overcame in completing the project
- Describe any difficulties or extenuating circumstances encountered in completing the project
- Describe any innovative programs or methods relating to productivity (see below)

\*Four pages is highly recommended and photos/images may be incorporated\*

# PHOTOGRAPHS: 8 POINTS

Submit up to 10 high-quality photographs below (images format only). It is recommended to include photos that are relevant to the challenges and solutions outlined in the narrative. To obtain maximum points, all projects should include “in progress” photos in addition to the completed project. Renovation and restoration projects should include “before and after” photos as well.

- Single image files may include up to two photographs, but no more than four files should include split images.
- Provide a description caption for each file in the text box provided. Keep the photograph free of any labels, captions, and/or borders/framing. Each caption should not exceed 50 words.
- Ensure the photographs are free of any safety violations.
- Ten photographs are strongly recommended. Files should be a minimum of 300 DPI resolution and in image format. No PDFs are allowed.

## NOTE:

### **Third-party Photography Release #1**

If any photos being submitted were taken by a third-party photographer, the photographer’s written authorization to use the photos is required. In order to comply, you must upload a copy of the signed licensing agreement found on your chapter webpage with the photographer’s signature. No changes are allowed to this document. Contact your ABCGH chapter with any questions.

### **Third-party Photography Release #2**

If any photos being submitted were taken by a third-party photographer, the photographer’s written authorization to use the photos is required. In order to comply, you must upload a copy of the signed licensing agreement found on your chapter webpage with the photographer’s signature. No changes are allowed to this document. Contact your ABCGH chapter with any questions.

# PROJECT SAFETY: 31 POINTS

- No company that experiences a safety-related fatality of a direct employee in the United States within the current program year specified by your local chapter rules is eligible to submit a project.
- If a subsidiary is a direct ABC member versus part of a larger holding company member, then the subsidiary with a safety related fatality is not eligible, but another subsidiary of the same holding company may be.
- Your company's OSHA Form 300A (project specific, if available) for the year(s) the project was under construction must be uploaded. If you are submitting annual logs for the years the project was under construction, you must adhere to the following guidelines:
  - Include a year-to-date log if the contract was completed in the current program year.
  - The logs must be specific to the office location that completed the work.
  - All recordables specific to the project being submitted must be highlighted.
  - If the project was under construction for more than one year, you must combine the form files to upload together as one file, arranged in chronological order starting with the most recent year.
  - Has your company signed the Construction for a Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace's pledge at [drugfreeconstruction.org](http://drugfreeconstruction.org)? Visit [drugfreeconstruction.org](http://drugfreeconstruction.org) to sign the pledge or search by company to verify your company has signed.
  - The project's organizational chart, identifying the person responsible for safety on the project, is required. This should be a one-page document and should be portrait orientation.
  - Does your company have a process in place to record near-miss cases on this project? If yes, you must provide supporting documentation.
  - Was specialized training conducted on this project? If yes, you must provide supporting documentation.
  - Do you have additional information to include regarding any innovative safety and health programs used on this project? If yes, you must provide supporting documentation.

## TOTAL RECORDABLE INCIDENT RATE (TRIR)

- For all questions pertaining to OSHA recordables: General contractors and construction managers must include data on all specialty contractors under your contract. Specialty Contractors should refer only to their contract.
- You must provide your company's NAICS (and SIC) code.
- Indicate number of OSHA job transfer or restriction cases on this project:
  - General contractors and construction managers must also include all specialty contractors' job transfer or restriction cases on this project\*
  - Indicate number of OSHA days away from work cases on this project:
    - General contractors and construction managers must also include all specialty contractors' days away from work cases on this project\*
    - Indicate total number of OSHA-recordable cases on this project:
      - General contractors and construction managers must also include all specialty contractors' recordable cases on this project.
      - Indicate total man-hours for all disciplines included in your contract on this project.
      - General contractors and construction managers must also include all specialty contractors' hours on this project.
      - Calculate the project's Total Recordable Incident Rate:
        - (TRIR = Total number of recordable cases x 200,000 / total man-hours for the project)
        - Provide your safety professional's contact information who was responsible for safety on this project and attesting to these accident rates.

# REFERENCES: 10 POINTS

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Include up to 10 letters of recommendation from third-parties involved with the project, such as the owner and design team. If the owner is unable to provide a letter of recommendation due to company policy, upload a letter from the owner on their letterhead stating they are unable to provide a reference (this letter will qualify for only five points).

- General contractors must submit letters from at least the owner (or the general contractor's prime contracting entity, if not the owner) and the architect. If submitting in an industrial category, general contractors must submit letters from at least one owner (or the general contractor's prime contracting entity).
- Specialty contractors must submit a letter from at least the general contractor. If not working under a general contractor, specialty contractors must submit a letter from at least the owner. Second-and-third-tier subcontractors must at least submit a letter from their prime contracting entity.
- Letters will be assessed for their level of quality (content and position of author). In some cases, a single letter could earn the maximum number of points; however, additional letters are highly recommended.

# SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS: 2 POINTS

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Provide any miscellaneous supporting materials, such as diagrams and other graphics, media coverage, other awards and promotions, aerial or drone footage, BIM, scans and/or CAD drawings. You may upload up to five single pages. The five pages may be in one file, or up to five separate files. Video files should not exceed two minutes. (Suggested to provide a QR code for video files.)

# Accredited Quality Contractor (AQC): 2 Points

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If your company is designated as an ABC Accredited Quality Contractor (AQC) member in the current program year, upload a copy of the company certificate. The certificate must indicate the chapter that you are submitting your project through since AQC membership is chapter specific. If necessary, a copy of the certificate may be requested by emailing [aqc@abc.org](mailto:aqc@abc.org).

Note that AQC status is not required to submit for an Excellence in Construction award. For more information about the AQC program, visit [abc.org/AQC](http://abc.org/AQC) or email [AQC@abc.org](mailto:AQC@abc.org).

# STEP Safety Management System: 2 points

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*This section is optional. All contractor members are required to complete STEP.*

If your company is a STEP participant, upload a copy of the company certificate(s) from this year. If your company does not have an electronic copy of your STEP certificate(s), contact your ABC chapter. Please note that requests will be processed in the order in which they are received; be sure to put your request in early. STEP participation is not required to submit a project for an Excellence in Construction Award. For more information about STEP, visit [abc.org/STEP](http://abc.org/STEP) or email your ABC chapter.

# SOCIAL MEDIA

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ABCGH promotes EIC winners on social media, such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. A photo from the entry is typically included, with the company name, project name and category. The projects are generally featured after the awards gala and throughout the program year.

# SPONSORSHIPS

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## MASTER BUILDERS

\$10,000 (One Available)

RESERVED BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Reserved Table of 10
  - Company Logo Displayed on Event Web Page and Event Program
  - Speaking part and AV feature in Presentation
  - 45-second infomercial to run during dinner
    - Full page Ad in Event Program
  - Logo featured on Table Wine Bottles
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## CRAFTSMAN

\$5,000 (ONE AVAILABLE)

RESERVED BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Reserved seating for 4
  - Company Logo Displayed on AV and Event Program
    - Company Logo on tin of mints.
  - 1/4 Page Advertisement in Table Program
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## JOURNEYMAN

\$7,000 (ONE AVAILABLE)

RESERVED BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Reserved seating for 6
  - Special Emcee Introduction
  - EIC Event webpage recognition
  - Company Logo Displayed on AV, event program and Cocktail Napkins
    - 1/2 Page Advertisement in Event Program
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## APPRENTICE

\$2,750

RESERVED BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Reserved seating for 2
- Company Logo Displayed on AV and Event Program