

ACI's Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards

New program will recognize innovation around the globe



The global network of ACI chapters can participate in a newly instituted program to acknowledge excellence and innovation in construction and design: the Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards. The award is intended to celebrate the most creative design visions and highlight the use of the newest technology in some of the most significant projects the concrete industry has to offer worldwide. These awards will be presented for the first time at the ACI Fall 2015 Convention in Denver, CO.

ACI Chapters are the Focus

ACI chapters are pivotal to launching the Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards program. Projects that have won an award in a local chapter's project awards program are eligible to participate in the global competition. Each chapter may sponsor up to two entries. Chapters that do not yet have a project awards program may submit an entry, after proper review and endorsement, for up to 3 years while a local awards program is developed and launched.

Inaugural entries are due by February 15, 2015. Entry requirements, the submission process and forms, and the full program schedule will be posted soon on the ACI Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards page at www.ACIExcellence.org. Although sponsored by chapters, submissions will typically be developed by key members of the project team.

Entries must be submitted in one of six categories:

- low-rise buildings;
- high-rise buildings;
- flatwork;
- infrastructure;
- decorative concrete; and
- repair/restoration.

A panel of judges comprising distinguished members of the design and concrete construction industry will choose up to two awards—first place and second place—in each category. The judges may grant a special award, at their discretion, to a project that merits recognition outside of the categories. An overall “best-of-show” winner will be selected from among the category winners.

High-Energy, Gala Celebration Planned

The winning projects will be recognized with awards at an evening celebration in November 2015, during the ACI Fall Convention in Denver, CO. The event will begin with a reception that is open to all attendees, with a digital display of entries and information about the awards program. Following a ticketed dinner, awards will be presented to the winners in each category as a video shows the project highlights. The program will conclude with the announcement of the best-of-show recipient.

The best-of-show winner and each first-place winner for Excellence in Concrete Construction will receive a custom-designed award fabricated from concrete. Additional copies of these first-place and second-place awards may be purchased by listed members of the project team. ACI chapters will also be publicly recognized for identifying the award-winning projects.

ACI will publicize the Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards in the months leading up to the November dinner presentation. The award-winning projects will be announced in *Concrete International* and other industry publications. They may also be highlighted in other ACI communications, including ACI's website.

Further Details to Follow

The ACI Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards program was approved by the Board of Direction in October 2013. It is an initiative that relates to several goals of ACI's Strategic Plan, including engagement with members, chapter members, and customers, while celebrating ACI's legacy and inspiring the next generation. The awards program and a Chapter Awards Guide for groups that wish to start a local project awards are being developed by the International Project Awards Committee. The guide is expected to be available in early 2016.

Visit www.ACIExcellence.org and follow “@ACIExcellence” on Twitter for updates on project submission details and ACI's celebration of the Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards in Fall 2015.