

## 2026 Architectural Engineering Institute Professional Project Awards

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We invite you to showcase your most innovative projects and support our AEI International Student Design Competition at the same time!

### Introduction

The Architectural Engineering Institute (AEI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers is pleased to announce the **13th annual Architectural Engineering Institute Professional Project Award** (PPA) program. The AEI Professional Project Award program is designed to publicly acknowledge and showcase outstanding achievements in design and construction in architectural engineering and related fields. The program seeks to exemplify and award the ultimate results of best practices, emphasizing the art and science of an integrated approach to architectural engineering.

### Eligibility

- The Professional Project Awards are open to any domestic or international project.
- Candidate projects may be currently under construction or shall have completed construction within the last five years.
- Each project may be entered in multiple award categories.
- Entries shall not include past AEI Professional Project Award winners.
- The entry form may be submitted by an individual, firm, or company.
- Each entry is required to be submitted by or include written permission from the Engineer-of-Record or Responsible Engineer.
- Entrants may submit more than one project.
- Entrants agree to release all information and data, including photographs included in the submission package, for public dissemination to facilitate publicity.
- All required submission materials must be received before entries will be considered.
- Entries must be received (not postmarked) by the deadline.

### 2026 Professional Project Award Schedule

Submission Deadline: Monday, December 15, 2025  
Award Notification: Monday, January 19, 2026  
Awards Ceremony: Friday, March 20, 2026

Selected winners may be invited to provide a technical presentation at the [AEI | IRD 2026 Conference: Hazard Resilience for an Integrated World: Buildings, Infrastructure, and People](#)

which takes place **March 18 – 20, 2026, San Antonio, TX**. The award results will be posted on the AEI website and will be made available to the media through press releases. All winners will be recognized at the AEI Awards Banquet on **March 20, 2026**.

### Committee Review

The professional project submittals will be reviewed by a select committee of judges, including distinguished members of the design and construction industry, the AEI Board of Governors, and the AEI Academic Council.

### Award Categories – *NEW Introduced in 2025*

Each entry may include one or more of the following specific categories:

- Overall Architecture/Engineering Integration
- Construction Management and Methods
- Electrical Systems Design
- Lighting Systems Design
- Mechanical Systems Design
- Structural Systems Design
- Renovation
- Repair/Rehabilitation
- Sustainability [Life Cycle]

| Discipline Focused Awards           | Project Focused Awards                        |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Construction Management and Methods | Overall Architectural/Engineering Integration |
| Electrical Systems Design           | New Construction                              |
| Lighting Systems Design             | Renovation                                    |
| Mechanical Systems Design           | Repair Rehabilitation                         |
| Structural Systems Design           | Sustainability [Life Cycle]                   |

The Professional Project Award jury will award one “**Award of Excellence**” for each category. Additional **Awards of Merit** may be granted in particular categories as selected by the jury committee.

**Projects which receive one of the awards noted above** and will also be eligible for the “**Best Overall Project**” and the “**Most Innovative Project**”. These special awards will recognize one project with an overall construction cost less than 100 million dollars and one project with an overall construction cost greater than 100 million dollars for each of the two special award categories.

### Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated for each award category based on the following judging criteria:

1. Originality and Innovation
2. Integration and Collaboration
3. Sustainability, Energy Efficiency and Economics
4. Effective Use of Technology
5. Constructability and Site Logistics
6. Overall Impressions

**Required Submittals**

*All entries must include, at a minimum, the following:*

1. Completed entry/signature form along with \$350 entry fee. (You are encouraged to use the [online payment option](#) on the submission page of the website, but if paying by check, please make checks payable to **ASCE Foundation with AEI Professional Project Award** noted on the memo line and send to the address below). Submissions must be received (not postmarked) by the **December 15, 2025 deadline**.
2. A project abstract with up to 500 words summarizing key aspects of the work to be used in the Awards Banquet and other publications.
3. Up to a two-page project summary (12-point font, 8-1/2" x 11" format) describing the project and key aspects of the specific category submitted for consideration. Projects may be submitted for multiple specific categories. Separate summaries should be provided for each specific category.
4. One high resolution .jpeg or .tiff file representative of the project that can be used for publication.
5. MS PowerPoint including slides displaying the project and scope of work. *Include a minimum of 6 slides and a maximum of 12 slides.*

**Digital files should contain:**

- 1) Completed registration form in MS Word or Adobe PDF format;
- 2) Project abstract and summaries in MS Word or Adobe PDF format;
- 3) MS PowerPoint file for summary slides of the work (6 minimum and 12 maximum);
- 4) One high resolution .jpeg or .tiff file representative of the project that can be used for publication.

All entries and presentations shall be the sole property of AEI and submitted materials will not be returned. AEI reserves the right to use or publish some or the entire materials in publications or on the AEI website and e-newsletter. By entering, the entrant grants a royalty-free license to AEI to use any copyrighted material related to the awards program only. Such right includes publication of photographs and names of recipients without compensation to entrants. Entrant must obtain and submit any rights to publish photographs or figures used in their material obtained from third parties or other publications.

**Registration form, payment, and digital files of all submission documents are to be received by December 15, 2025.** Digital submissions and payment preferred. *(Submit the Entry Form and required files with a Shared Folder Link to [aei@asce.org](mailto:aei@asce.org) for AEI Staff to download).*

**Mailing address:**

**ASCE Foundation**  
**AEI Professional Project Award**  
1801 Alexander Bell Drive, Reston, VA 20191  
703-295-6199  
[aei@asce.org](mailto:aei@asce.org) • <http://www.asce.org/aei>

Entry fees for the PPA covers associated costs of the program and financial support the AEI International Student Design Competition.

**AEI thanks you for the support of this important student program.**

## ENTRY FORM

REGISTRATION FORM (ONE ENTRY PER FORM)

(AEI Use Only) Entry# \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Project Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Project Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### SELECTED DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC AWARD CATEGORIES:

- ☐ Overall Architecture/Engineering Integration
- ☐ Construction Management and Methods
- ☐ Electrical Systems Design
- ☐ Lighting Systems Design
- ☐ Mechanical Systems Design
- ☐ Structural Systems Design
- ☐ Renovation
- ☐ Repair/Rehabilitation
- ☐ Sustainability [Life Cycle]

### OVERALL CONSTRUCTION COST

- ☐ ☐ Less than 100 Million Dollars
- ☐ More than 100 Million Dollars

### AEI BUILD CATEGORIES:

*(Select the category or categories for which your submission best falls under)* <sup>1</sup>

- ☐ Deliver
- ☐ Enclose
- ☐ Modular
- ☐ Learn
- ☐ Perform
- ☐ Resilient
- ☐ Sustain
- ☐ Secure

**Please make sure contact information for all participants is complete.  
This information will be used for publicity purposes. List all names as you would like them to appear.**

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Entrant – Name, Title, E-mail Address, Signature & Date

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Firm Name

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Engineer-of-Record or Responsible Engineer – Name, Title, Email Address, Signature & Date Firm

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Name

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Owner / Client / Sponsor – Name, Title & Email Address Firm Name

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Architect – Name, Title & Email Address Firm

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General Contractor – Name, Title & Email Address Firm

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## ENTRANT'S CHECKLIST

Please use this form to ensure your entry is complete and received by AEI by December 15, 2025

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Name of Project

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Project Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Registration Form.
- ☐ \$350 Entry Fee:  
If paying via check, please make check(s) payable to **ASCE Foundation** with AEI Professional Project Award noted on the memo line. (*preferred: [online payment](#)*).
- ☐ FTP link for download by AEI staff (hard copies are not necessary).
- ☐ Discipline Specific Awards Category - Specified on Entry Form.
- ☐ 500-word Project Abstract in MS Word format.
- ☐ Two-page Project Summary in MS Word format for each selected award category.
- ☐ 6 to 12 slides in MS PowerPoint format.
- ☐ One High-Resolution JPEG or TIFF format photo of the finished project.

(AEI Use Only)

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_

## ENTRY FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS

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### Payment by Credit Card:



**ASCE** FOUNDATION  
<https://www.ascefoundation.org/aei-professional-project-awards>

### Payment by Check:



Checks must be made payable to **ASCE Foundation** with *AEI Professional Project Awards* noted on the memo line in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. bank.

*Please remit payment to:*

**ASCE Foundation**

AEI Professional Project Award

1801 Alexander Bell Drive Reston, VA 20191

**ATTN: Fred Spaziani**