

AWARD SUBMITTAL FAQs

CAN I SUBMIT A LONG-TERM PROJECT THAT EXCEEDS THE ONE-YEAR ELIGIBILITY PERIOD?

A long-term project is welcome but only the portion of the project “substantially completed and ready for use” during the one-year eligibility period will be considered by the judges.

WHAT DOES THE “SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE AND READY FOR USE” REQUIREMENT MEAN?

As a generally defined term in a contract, substantially complete and ready for use means that the owner can use the project as intended and only minor punch list type work remains to be completed. However, you must decide when is the best time to submit your project within the one-year eligibility period provided. Consider your client’s level of support, quality of project photography, time available to complete the entry, and any other issues that may affect your submittal’s overall success. You want to tell the best story you can in text and visuals.

HOW DO THE PROJECT PHOTOS I SUBMIT GET USED?

A minimum of ten photos must be included for each submittal. Photo 1 (please identify) should be considered your best overall image and will be used in the award brochure. All additional photos will be used in the video presentation shown at the annual meeting (think telling a story from beginning to end). Images may also be included in the *Michigan Constructor* magazine and on the AGC Michigan website.

WHO JUDGES THE PROJECTS?

Judging is conducted by an independent panel of judges. Qualified judges are selected to represent contractors, owners and design professionals.

JUDGING CRITERIA PROMPTS

These questions are intended to help you brainstorm award submittal content to effectively address each category of judging criteria. They are not meant to be directly answered in your submittal and some questions may not apply to your entry.

ORIGINAL OR INNOVATIVE APPLICATION OF NEW OR EXISTING TECHNIQUES

Does the entry demonstrate the application of a new technology or a breakthrough in general knowledge of construction?

Does the entry represent a unique application of new or existing technology, techniques, materials or equipment?

How was the solution developed for this project different from a similar project?

FUTURE VALUE TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Will the entry redefine current industry thinking?

How could someone else use what your firm did to solve a similar problem?

SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND SUSTAINABLE CONSIDERATIONS

Do the solutions identified produce secondary benefits of value to the community and/or environment?

Does the entrant's approach provide society with social, economic, or sustainable development benefits?

Does the entrant's contribution to the project improve the health, safety or welfare of the public or affected environment?

COMPLEXITY

Did the entry successfully address highly complex criteria or unique problems?

Were extraordinary problems of site, location, hazardous conditions, project requirements, or similar elements present?

Did the entry require the use of out-of-the-ordinary technology or ingenuity for achievement of the project's goals?

EXCEEDING CLIENT/OWNER NEEDS

Did the entrant successfully engage the client/owner in the overall project development process?

Was the solution cost-effective? How did the project save money?

How did the final cost relate to the original budget estimate?

How closely does the entrant's solution meet the total goals of the client/owner? How does the project exceed the original goals?

Was the client's schedule met? Did you save time with the design or technology?

What made this a quality project?