



## 2027 EEA SUBMISSION CHANGES

**ACEC ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

**The following represents highlighted changes to the EEA submission process. Please refer to the Official 2027 Call for Entries Brochure for specific submission guidelines.**

- ▶ For the National Competition, the Senior Executive/Principal submitting firm is required to sign the Copyright Addendum, granting ACEC a worldwide, irrevocable, sublicensable license to reproduce, publish, distribute, create derivatives of, and otherwise use the submitted materials at its discretion. This includes but is not limited to use in ACEC and third-party publications, websites, displays, or for promotional or educational purposes. You acknowledge that ACEC may use the materials with or without credit to you. Please refer to the Copyright Addendum on the Official Entry Form (marked "SAMPLE") on the last page of the Call for Entries brochure.
- ▶ Photographic Digital Panel File: Must include Firm name, Client, Project Name, Project Location, and Project Category. Include the Firm, Client, EEA logos. Files must be submitted in high-resolution (300 dpi) PDF and JPG formats in RGB color. These panels are an essential part of the entry and must meet the requirements outlined in the 2027 Call for Entries.
- ▶ Projects from around the world are eligible for submission and may compete at the National level, provided the submitting firm whether a member or non-member of ACEC is based in the United States. Projects constructed outside of the United States should be evaluated solely on their merits, without regard to location. Studies and Research (Category A) or Surveying and Mapping projects (Category D) must have been publicly disclosed by the client between Nov. 1, 2024, and Oct. 31, 2026. Construction of projects (Categories B through L with the exception of D) must have been substantially completed and ready for use between Nov. 1, 2024, and Oct. 31, 2026.
- ▶ The firm and project name should not exceed 80 characters.
- ▶ Project description must include budget information and Summary. Do not reference other awards the project has won.
- ▶ Category J – Small Project: Construction budget not exceeding \$5 million.
- ▶ Have I included as many measurable results as possible to effectively convey the story of this project? For example, data points related to energy savings, number of people impacted by the project, etc.
- ▶ ACEC will be producing the physical display panels for the Grand and Honor Award winners, each measuring 30" x 30" square, for the ACEC Convention and Gala event in Washington, D.C.
- ▶ An eight (8) slide PowerPoint Presentation contains: One (1) title slide that must include Firm name, Client, Project Name, Project Location, and Project Category. Include the Firm, Client, EEA logos, followed by: Six (6) slides which include photos 1 through 6 (same photos as Item #6; Refer to Call for Entries on page 6), and captions for each photo. Do not include caption/text on the photo. One (1) additional slide that contains the photographic display panel. Accepted file format is PowerPoint (PPT or PPTX) only. This presentation will be used by the judges as part of their evaluation. Do not include sound, transition effects, animations, present timing, or slide show sequencing. A sample PowerPoint presentation is downloadable from the ACEC website.
- ▶ A project may be entered only once by the entering firm in any category. The same project may be entered in a different category by a different entering firm.
- ▶ **ACEC also highly recommends joint-award submissions whenever multiple firms collaborate on the same project.**
- ▶ For national projects, entries should be submitted in the state where the majority of the work was performed. Projects built outside the United States (International projects) should be judged solely on their quality and merits, regardless of location.
- ▶ If a project was entered in more than one MO competition, or if the same project is submitted separately by two or more firms, the affected MO(s) must decide how to enter the project and its firms. We strongly encouraged those firms to form a joint venture before submitting to the ACEC National EEA competition.
- ▶ The EEA National competition is judged by an independent panel of experts whose selections, as governed by the EEA National judging process, are irrefutable.
- ▶ In any given year, a project entry may be submitted to the ACEC National EEA competition through only one state MO.
- ▶ ACEC will use the information you provided in the system or on official entry form as the official source for preparing Gala, publicity content, and other communications.
- ▶ Key Participants and Media List must be submitted in an Excel File, not in a PDF format.
- ▶ Deadlines
  - ✔ Project eligibility: between November 1, 2024, and October 31, 2026
  - ✔ Submission deadline: January 6, 2027
  - ✔ Judging: February 19-21, 2027
  - ✔ EEA Gala: April 20, 2027
- ▶ On **Tuesday, January 12, 2027** (calls to entrant will only be made if there are clarifications or additional information required for your submittal).