



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of North Carolina*

*Engineering North Carolina's future.*

# Call for Entries

## 2018 Engineering Excellence Awards



**2017 Grand Conceptor Winner**

**McKIm&Creed Inc.**  
**UAS Proof of Concept for Beach Monitoring Survey**  
**Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina**



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*The American Council of Engineering Companies of North Carolina (ACEC/NC) Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) is an annual competition that honors and recognizes engineering and surveying firms for projects which demonstrate the highest degree of achievement, value and ingenuity.*

## **ELIGIBILITY**

An engineering or surveying firm is eligible to enter the awards program as long as they hold current membership in ACEC/NC. Non-member firms are not eligible to submit.

## **GENERAL CRITERIA**

- 1** Member engineering firms' entries must be submitted through ACEC/NC to qualify for the National Competition at ACEC.
- 2** Projects entered in the ACEC/NC competition must have been executed by a company physically located in North Carolina. The project may have been outside the state, but the work must have been executed in North Carolina.
- 3** Research and Studies (Category A) or Surveying and Mapping projects (Category D) must have been publicly disclosed by the clients between November 1, 2015 and October 31, 2017.
- 4** Construction of projects (Categories B through L – with the exception of D) must have been substantially completed and ready for use between November 1, 2015 and October 31, 2017
- 5** Engineering projects that have won awards in other state or national organizations' awards programs may be entered.
- 6** Applicants are welcome to submit one project per category or submit one project in more than one category. A project not receiving an award in one year may be resubmitted the following year in the same category provided all eligibility criteria are met.
- 7** Each entry must be submitted electronically (no hard copy, three ring binders) in adherence with the specifications noted on page four of this document. Non-compliance with the rules will automatically disqualify an entry. Please read requirements thoroughly.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

ACEC/NC schedule for submittals are as follows:

**Deadline for Entrles**  
**Judging**  
**Awards Ceremony**

**September 29, 2017**  
**October 2 - October 13, 2017**  
**November 16, 2017**

ACEC/NC winners may also re-submit to ACEC National's EEA Competition.

ACEC National's schedule for submittals are as follows:

**Deadline for Entrles**  
**Judging of Submittals**  
**EEA Gala - Washington, DC**

**January 5, 2018**  
**February 16- 18, 2018**  
**April 17, 2018**

## **JUDGING**

Entries are to be judged (by an outside panel of judges) on the basis of overall engineering excellence in each of twelve practice areas, based only on the work performed by the entering firm and scored in accordance with the guidelines listed below. Based on each project's overall score, projects can receive one of the following awards: Honors Award (85 - 90 points), Grand Award (91 - 100 points), or Grand Conceptor (highest points awarded by the judges). Once the judging has been completed, entrants will be notified as to whether or not their project will be honored with an award, but the specific level of the award the project will receive will not be announced until the ACEC/NC Engineering Excellence Awards Dinner on November 16, 2017.

**25%**

### **Original or Innovative Application of New or Existing Techniques:**

- Does the entry demonstrate use of a new science or a breakthrough in the general knowledge of engineering?
- Does the entry represent a unique application of different technology, techniques, materials or equipment?

**20%**

### **Future Value to the Engineering Profession:**

- Will the entry redefine current engineering thinking?
- Does the entry advance a positive public image of engineering excellence?

**15%**

### **Social, Economic & Sustainable Design Considerations:**

- Do the solutions identified produce secondary benefits of value to the community environment?
- Does the entrant's approach provide society with social, economic, or sustainable development benefits?
- Is the public health, safety or welfare significantly improved as a result of entrant's and/or the affected environment's, contribution to the project?

**20%**

### **Complexity:**

- Did the entry successfully address very complex criteria or unique problems?
- Were extraordinary problems of site, location, hazardous conditions, project requirements or similar elements present?
- Did the entry require out-of-the-ordinary technology and ingenuity for achievement of project goals?

**20%**

### **Exceeding Client/Owner Needs:**

- Did the engineer or entrant successfully engage the client/owner in the overall project development process?
- Is it an economical and cost-effective solution?
- How did final cost relate to original budget estimate?
- How closely does the entrant's solution meet the total goals of the client/owner?
- Did the entrant meet the client's time schedule?

## **PRACTICE AREAS FOR ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

### **A Studies, Research, and Consulting Engineering Services**

Non-design services including, but not limited to:

- New Products, Materials and Technologies
- Basic Research and Studies
- Technical Papers
- Water Conservation
- Project Feasibility Studies/Economic/Risk
- Expert Testimony
- Computer/Software Technology
- Public Outreach/Involvement
- Security Plans
- Value Engineering

None of the projects entered in Category A are involved with the preparation of construction documents.

### **B Building/Technology Systems**

- Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing
- Communications
- Software Systems
- Efficiency Certification Standards, e.g. LEED
- Secure Facilities (Military, Research, Correctional)
- Computer/Technology
- Acoustics
- Sustainability or Carbon Neutrality
- Energy Efficiency - New and Retrofit

### **C Structural Systems**

- Foundations
- Buildings
- Towers
- Stadiums
- Tunnels
- Seismic Design
- Bridges

### **D Surveying and Mapping Technology**

- Geometrics, ALTA, Land Title and Rights Surveys
- Control, GPS, Monitoring or Construction Surveying
- Surveying Mapping, GIS/LIS Photogrammetry

### **E Environmental**

- Hazardous Waste
- Solid Waste
- Noise
- Waste Pond Management
- Mitigation
- Restoration/Reclamation/Remediation
- Air Quality
- Recycling
- Carbon Sequestration and Trading

### **F Water and Stormwater**

- Graywater Systems
- Residuals Management and Reuse
- Mine Tailings
- Stormwater Management
- CSOs
- Wastewater Collection/Treatment and Disposal
- Agriculture
- Erosion Control

### **G Water Resources**

- Hydraulics, Hydrology
- Treatment
- Watershed Management
- Flood Risk Management
- Coastal and Eco-System Restoration
- Irrigation
- Surface and Groundwater Supply Development
- Transmission, Distribution & Storage
- Water Use Reduction
- Climate Adaptation
- Locks/Dams/Water Control Structures

### **H Transportation**

- Highways
- Rail
- Public Transit
- Airports
- Marine/Ports
- Intermodal Facilities

- I Special Projects**
- Safety and Security
  - Land Development
  - Recreational Facilities
  - Program and Construction Management
  - Corrosion Protection/Cathodic Protection
  - Trenchless Technologies
  - Subsurface Engineering

- J Small Projects**
- Total project construction budget does not exceed \$2.5 Million. At the entrant's discretion, except for entries in Category A, projects under \$2.5 million are not limited to this category.

- K Energy**
- Transmission and Distribution
  - Power Generation
  - Renewable Energy
  - Cogeneration
  - Energy Storage Technologies
  - Energy Usage Reduction Programs
  - Demand Side Management

- L Industrial and Manufacturing Processes and Facilities**
- Petrochemical
  - Biotech
  - Manufacturing
  - Heavy Industry
  - Industrial Waste
  - Materials Handling
  - Mining, Metallurgy, Mineralogy

**HOW TO SUBMIT AN ENTRY (no binders will be required; electronic copy only):**

- 1** Assemble items 2 through 6 in a single PDF or MS Word document that does not exceed 6MB in size.
- 2** A 100-word summary of the project clearly and concisely describing the project and the entrant's participation in the project on firm's letterhead.
- 3** If you are not the Prime Consultant, you must have an endorsement/approval letter from the Prime Consultant and the client indicating concurrence with your submittal. If you are the Prime Consultant, you must have an endorsement/approval letter from client indicating concurrence with your submittal.
- 4** One compiled copy of a proposed press release (one page max) - written as if the project has already been chosen to win an Engineering Excellence Award - that clearly and concisely describes the project and entrant's participation in the project. Point out the value of the project to the community and identify the number of people served.
- 5** THREE 8" x 10" HIGH RESOLUTION photographs representing various visual aspects of the project. Each photograph should be followed by a brief description of the photo within the PDF or MS Word document submitted. Photo descriptions should not exceed three sentences (approximately 75 words or less). Please submit the three (3) HIGH RESOLUTION jpegs in the dropbox.
- 6** One compiled copy of the following, not to exceed 1500 words total:
  - Role of the entrant's firm in the project
  - Role of other consultants participating in the project
  - Brief description of the entrant's contribution to the project addressing each of the following:
    - Original or Innovative Application of New or Existing Techniques
    - Future Value to Engineering Profession
    - Social/Economic and sustainable design Considerations
    - Complexity
    - Exceeding Owner/Client Needs
- 7** Please contact Meredith Houston at (919) 781-7934 or [mhouston@acecnc.org](mailto:mhouston@acecnc.org) to establish a unique "Dropbox" folder to upload your submissions by September 29, 2017.
- 8** An entry fee of \$700 for ACEC/NC members must be paid via check made out to ACEC/NC. Checks must be received at the ACEC/NC Office no later than September 29, 2017.

# Entry Form

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*This year entries will be submitted electronically (hard copy, three ring binders are not required). The information listed below will need to be completed online when you submit (upload) the entry. Please be prepared to furnish all the information requested below for each entry. Please limit the project name to 45 characters.*

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PROJECT PRACTICE AREA (place an X in one box):

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A. Studies, Research, and Consulting Engineering Services | <input type="checkbox"/> G. Water Resources                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Building/Technology Systems                            | <input type="checkbox"/> H. Transportation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. Structural Systems                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> I. Special Projects                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D. Surveying and Mapping Technology                       | <input type="checkbox"/> J. Small Projects  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E. Environmental  | <input type="checkbox"/> K. Energy  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F. Water and Wastewater                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> L. Industrial and Manufacturing Processes and Facilities |

**PROJECT INFORMATION:**

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

Project Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Client Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Entering Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Budgeted Project Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual Project Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Scheduled Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

If your project entry is a winner please indicate your plans to re-submit to ACEC for national competition:

\_\_\_\_\_ Will re-submit                      \_\_\_\_\_ Will not re-submit

**ENTRY FEES:**

\$700 per entry for ACEC/NC Members only

Checks in the appropriate amount due (made payable to ACEC/NC) must be received at the ACEC/NC office no later than September 29, 2017.

The ACEC/NC office is located at:

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Raleigh, NC 27601

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