

Celebrating Excellence: Highlights from the 1st Annual SBE Subcontractor Awards

The 2026 Construction Summit concluded on a high note with a landmark event: our first-ever **SBE Subcontractor Awards**. It was a proud and powerful moment for the industry to see prime contractors step up to nominate small businesses, recognizing the flexibility, skill, and dedication these firms bring to our local projects.

From fresh faces making an immediate impact to seasoned firms delivering flawless results, the ceremony shone a spotlight on the backbone of our construction community.

2026 Award Winners

We are honored to recognize the following firms, all of whom were nominated by their Prime Contractors for their outstanding contributions:

Rising Star / Emerging Subcontractor

Awarded to newer subcontractors who show exceptional promise, commitment to growth, and strong performance.

- **Vassell Tile & Marble, Inc.**
- **4EST Construction, LLC**
- **Jasper Enterprises, Inc.**

Overall Project Excellence

Awarded for “best all-around” for subcontractors who excel across multiple areas—quality, safety, timeliness, collaboration, and cost management.

- **Applegate Interiors, Inc.**
- **Current Connections, Inc.**
- **Canopy By Design, Inc.**
- **Cami-Axle Construction Corp.**
- **Palm Beach Iron Works, Inc.**

Collaboration & Teamwork

Awarded for effective communication with other trades and the prime contractor, cooperative attitude, mentoring or supporting junior teams.

- **Stokes Mechanical Contractor, Inc.**

Client & Stakeholder Satisfaction

Awarded for positive feedback from project owners, facility managers, and end-users; strong customer service and professionalism.

- **Special Developments, LLC**

Special Recognition: Tier 1 Awards

In a special category curated by the Office of Small Business Development (OSBD), we honored two Tier 1 subcontractors who have gone above and beyond in their **Commitment to SBE Advancement**.

These awards recognize those who don't just build structures, but also build up the next generation of small businesses:

- **Woodland Concrete**
- **B & I Contractors**

Congratulations to all our 2026 winners! Your hard work is building a stronger, more inclusive future for our community.