



## STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA 2020 EXCELLENCE IN STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING AWARDS

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**Purpose:** To celebrate excellence among our peers and promote the structural engineering profession to a broader community, including students considering a career in structural engineering. To acknowledge outstanding structural engineering, regardless of project size, firm size or construction visibility.

**Outcome:** By celebrating excellence in our profession, current engineers will be encouraged to express new ideas; the public will become aware of the value and contribution of Structural Engineers regarding public safety, property protection, and business continuity related to the built environment. New and prospective engineering candidates will be excited about entering the profession. By recognizing the best structural engineering in California, SEAOC will bring interest and prestige to the profession and the Association, increasing membership and visibility amongst the growing group of professional associations.

**Background:** The Structural Engineers Association of California (SEAOC), is respected as an authoritative leader in the practice of structural and earthquake engineering. SEAOC, through its members, seeks to advance the state-of-the-art and state-of-the-practice of structural engineering; provide the public with safe and robust structures; disseminate relevant information and tools to the structural engineering profession for structural analysis and design. The Association strives to educate members in effective business management and serve as a respected and proactive voice in structural code and standard development processes. These lofty goals can only be accomplished through the actions of SEAOC members, usually through project work. Exemplary stewards of the SEAOC vision deserve recognition when exemplifying outstanding engineering.

**Program:** The Excellence in Structural Engineering (EiSE) Awards Program is an annual event that celebrates SEAOC Members and their significant structural engineering achievement. The program is designed to consider only the best work submitted from each MO by limiting the EiSE pool to regional AWARD OF EXCELLENCE winners. This award ceremony is the only opportunity for SEAOC to recognize the success of regional members as a statewide organization. As such, the Program deserves consistent and prestigious placement at the annual Convention, which requires thoughtful SEAOC leadership and management, without significant influence of convention planning committees that change annually and may not value the program at the level appreciated by both SEAOC and its members.

**Call for Entries:** To this end, SEAOC and its **Member Organizations** hereby announce this **Call for Entries** and encourage **California-based** members to submit eligible **California-based** projects for consideration in the **Annual EiSE Awards Program**. Entrants will submit projects through SEAONC, SEAOSC, SEAOC or SEAOSD, as appropriate for the project location and MO affiliation. The MO Awards will be recognized as part of the MO end of the year monthly meeting and Awards ceremony. Projects receiving an **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE at the regional MO level** will automatically be entered in the SEAOC Awards Excellence in Structural Engineering awards program at the annual SEAOC Convention. Note that the SEAOC EiSE Awards follow three refined categories described below, which will be populated by Awards of Excellence at the MO level.

### **Entry Schedule:**

Non-Binding Expression of Interest	March 15, 2020 – email interest to <a href="mailto:seaosc@seaosc.org">seaosc@seaosc.org</a>
Entries due to SEAOSC	April 3, 2020
SEAOSC Jury Review	Between April 20 – May 8, 2020
SEAOSC Award Presentation	June 3, 2020
Regional winners advanced to SEAOC	July 1, 2020
SEAOC Jury Review	July/August 2020
SEAOC Award Ceremony	TBD during the SEAOC Convention: September 9-12, 2020

## **AWARD CATEGORIES**

**At the SEAOC, SEAONC, SEAOSC, and SEAOSD level,** awards will be judged both on the technical aspects of the project. At the discretion of the Jury, an **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE** and up to two **AWARDS OF MERIT** may be awarded in each category. The number of awards given will be a result of the judges' scoring. Awards may or may not be given in each category listed below. Projects may be entered in ONE (1) category only.

1. **Study/Research/Guidelines:** Outstanding achievement in the development of structural engineering practice, standards, research documents or design guidelines. This category is intended to encompass projects or efforts that are not a constructed project.
2. **Special-Use Structures:** Excellence in the structural engineering analysis, design and/or construction of a special-use project. Examples include non-building structures such as a temporary movie set, an artificial rock-climbing wall or a sculptural work of art.
3. **Infrastructure:** Excellence in the structural engineering analysis, design and/or construction of an infrastructure project, including but not limited to, bridges, tunnels, transportation facilities and dams.
4. **Historic Preservation:** Excellence in the application of structural engineering in the rehabilitation and preservation of a significant historic structure. Entrants in this category are encouraged to convey their approach to structural engineering within the context of preservation standards such as the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.
5. **Retrofit/Alteration:** Excellence in the structural engineering analysis, design and/or construction of an evaluation and/or design of a seismic retrofit project or alteration of an existing structure. This category includes seismic analysis, seismic strengthening, additions, tenant improvements and other structural building alterations.
6. **New Construction:** Excellence in the structural engineering analysis, design and/or construction of a new construction project.

**At the SEAOC level, AWARD OF EXCELLENCE** winning entries from the regional MOs will be consolidated into the three following categories and judged on the technical and creative aspects of the project; the judges will focus on engineering solutions, including methods and concepts that are creative, innovative, difficult or complex, but all well executed. The Jury will recognize the winners of each category with an **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE** or **AWARD OF MERIT**; and bestow a single **PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD**, if deemed appropriate, on one project selected from all entries. Judges scoring will determine the number of awards. Awards may or may not be given in each category listed below. Projects are entered through only ONE (1) Member Organization and will be placed by the SEAOC judging panel in ONE (1) category only.

1. **New Structures:** Projects within the new structures category are judged on how well the project team used structural engineering with conventional or innovative systems in the design of unique solutions, or to overcome challenges, necessitating the development of interesting design processes or construction methods. Projects judged in this category may include the regional winners of: **New Construction, Special-Use Structures, and Infrastructure.**
2. **Existing Structures:** Projects within the existing structures category are judged on how well the project team used structural engineering to evaluate or design the structure in creative, innovative, or precedent-setting ways to solve complex problems and overcome construction challenges. Projects judged in this category may include the regional winners of: **Retrofit/Alteration, Historic Preservation, existing Special-Use Structures, and existing Infrastructure.**
3. **Research, Product or Technology Innovation, Standards:** Projects within the research, product or technology innovation, and standards category are judged on how well the project team applied engineering principles, enhanced the state-of-the-practice of structural engineering, or developed new engineering concepts through the analysis, evaluation, testing and research in the preparation of a study, updating or creating industry guidelines or reference standards, improving community awareness and action regarding structures, development of new products, or applications of existing products and technologies in new and innovative ways. Projects judged in this category may include the regional winners from this above category: **Study/Research/Guidelines.**

A project entry will be judged in the category in which it was entered. However, the Jury may elect to move a project into a different category. The jury may consider additional awards in each category.

Award entries shall be submitted by a designated Award Entrant who represents the Firm responsible for the project; **and/or** the Engineer of Record, the Engineer in Responsible Charge, or Principal Investigator. Where the role of other engineers was significant to the project's success, such as a Bridging Document Engineer or the specialty engineer for a specific component, entrants are encouraged to recognize these individuals and/or submit the entry in conjunction with these engineers. For projects that utilize an alternative delivery method, such as design-build, the Entrant shall clearly state their project role in the Project Summary Document.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

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Entries will be judged on achievement and excellence in structural engineering development, practice, and advancement. Scoring will be considered across the following criteria:

1. **Creativity:** Judged on how the project applied conventional or new ideas and systems, in a manner not typically seen in projects of similar type and scale, with a focus on structural engineering and the challenges therein.
2. **Technical Innovation:** Judged on how relevant innovative structural engineering solutions contributed to project success, weighted by the complexity of the solved structural engineering challenges.
3. **Efficiency:** Judged on how well the project promotes an economical outcome by balancing the efficiency of the structural system(s) with the costs associated with integrating that system within the overall project framework.
4. **Sustainability:** Judged on the extent to which structural engineering and the result of unique structural engineering solutions advances or promotes sustainability within the built environment.
5. **Constructability:** Judged on how well the structural engineering considered and contributed to improved constructability of the overall project.
6. **Execution:** Judged on the efficacy of the structural engineering and its effect on the project.
7. **Impact on the Public:** Judged on the extent to which the structural engineering will evoke reaction from the public and increase awareness of the structural engineering profession.
8. **Jurors Judgment:** Not all judging criteria can be objectively defined, like the application of "engineering judgment" this scoring category recognizes a juror's discretion to subjectively evaluate a project, with focus on the value of the structural engineering presented, described and executed.

## **JURY**

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A distinguished Jury panel, comprising the following members, will judge entries and select award recipients:

**SEAOSC Jury:** The jury panel members will include representatives from the SEAOSC membership and possibly a professor of structural engineering, licensed architect or contractor as selected by the SEAOSC board.

**SEAOC Jury:** The jury panel members will include one Member SE from each of SEAOC's four regional MOs, a professor of structural engineering, a licensed architect and a licensed contractor.

**Jury by your Peers – People's Choice Award:** At each Regional MO and at the State Award Program, a People's Choice Award **may be** honored. The selection and voting process will be coordinated and announced in advance of the Award Ceremonies and will be conducted at the MO Monthly meeting and/or at the State Convention.

## **RULES OF ELIGIBILITY**

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1. At least one member of the design team, research team, or a principal of the firm responsible for the entry, shall be a **SEAOSC Member** or **Member SE** in good standing, residing and practicing in California.
2. Projects may be of any size, type, or location.
3. The project entry must have been constructed (building) or completed (research) between **Dec. 31, 2016 and Jan. 1, 2020**.
4. Entrants may submit more than one project.
5. Projects may be entered in ONE category only.
6. Projects previously submitted are eligible for submission, except prior SEAOC/SEAOSC Excellence in Structural Engineering Award (Merit or Excellence) recipients are **not** eligible.
7. Each entry is required to include written permission of the project Engineer-of-Record, Responsible Engineer or Principal Investigator with the submission materials before entry will be considered by the Awards jury.
8. To be eligible for the annual statewide SEAOC Awards program, entries must be submitted to the SEAOSC awards program.
9. **Award of Excellence** winners at the Regional MO Award Program will be automatically submitted to the SEAOC State Awards Program.
10. The entrant is solely responsible for any matters regarding confidentiality agreements related to the project.
11. Projects that do not meet eligibility requirements will not be considered for judging.

## **ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS**

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Each entry **must** include the following:

1. A completed **Online Entry Form**, including the **Entrant's Checklist** (attached) along with an entry fee as noted on the CHECKLIST. Use the enclosed Entry Checklist to ensure your entry is complete.
2. The enclosed **Signature Form** which requires the signature and consent of each Engineer-of-Record, Responsible Engineer, or Principal Investigator.
3. A **Display Board** of foam-core base, 30" tall x 40" wide with drawings, graphics, text and photographs as appropriate to summarize and illustrate significant aspects of the project. For constructed projects, the Display Board presentation shall include one or more photographic images illustrating a significant aspect of the structure while under construction. See the Display Board Guidelines below for more detailed information.
4. A **Project Summary** describing the project, highlighting the significant aspects of the project as it relates to the entry category and judging criteria, with specific focus on structural engineering. Include the approximate total construction cost of the project. The Entrant shall include the names and describe the roles of the key individuals or firms other than the Entrant that the Entrant wishes to share in credit for the work that is being submitted. The summary shall not exceed two (2) pages; 8-1/2" x 11" format using 12 pt. font, and shall be provided in both hardcopy and electronic form. Photos, graphics and external references can be included to clarify the unique structural engineering worthy of consideration.
5. A **Project Abstract** describing the project in very general "non-technical" terms suitable to be used in the Awards Ceremony and other publications if the project receives an award. The abstract should not be self-promotional in its tone, but rather descriptive of the merits of the project, specific to structural engineering. The abstract shall not exceed 300 words and shall be provided in both hardcopy and electronic form.
6. A **Digital Files** containing the following:
  - The **Project Summary** and **Project Abstract** in MS Word format;
  - The **Display Board** in both **Adobe PDF** and low resolution (11"x17") **JPG** format;
  - A separate **Slide Presentation** in MS PowerPoint format file containing summary slide images with caption descriptions (6 min; 12 max). DO NOT include animations, special transitions or other features in the PowerPoint slides. The PowerPoint slides may be used during the Awards presentation.

- High-resolution **Digital Photo(s)** (JPEG or TIFF file format) of the finished project to be used in publications if the project is selected for an award. For publication purposes, the high-resolution image should be provided with photographer photo credits, as required.

The Digital Files shall be submitted electronically to the following: <https://seaosc.wufoo.com/forms/seaocseaosc-2020-awards-program-entry-form/>

7. Except for the **Display Board**, do not submit original materials. Submitted materials will not be returned. However, the Display Board of non-winning entries will be made available for pickup at the SEAOSC office following the SEAOSC Awards Ceremony. Display Boards of Award of Excellence winners will be automatically forwarded to the SEAOC office for the SEAOC State Awards Program.
8. All entries shall become the sole property of SEAOSC and SEAOC. SEAOSC and SEAOC reserve the right to use or publish some or the entire entry material in publications. By entering, the Entrant grants a royalty-free license to SEAOSC and SEAOC to use any copyrighted material submitted. Such right includes publication of photographs and names of award recipients without compensation to Entrants.

## **DISPLAY BOARD GUIDELINES**

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The following guidelines have been prepared to assist you in the preparation of your Display Board.

1. Construct board from ¼" foam-core (or similar) of dimensions 30" x 40". Organize the board so the information reads horizontally, landscape style – 30" tall x 40" wide.
2. The presentation should focus on the unique structural engineering aspects of the project, with text and graphics supporting images and presentation techniques that help the observer recognize the importance of the structural engineering in the project success.
3. At a minimum, include the following information on the front of the display board:
  - a. Name of Project;
  - b. The names of the Structural Engineer, Responsible Engineer (if applicable), Architect, Contractor and Owner/Client. Include additional names receiving recognition as may be appropriate;
  - c. Wording ***in a prominent position on the board shall include:*** "SEAOSC/SEAOC 2020 Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards";
  - d. The quality of the presentation should be of the highest standards. Color is optional but recommended. The board layout must be two-dimensional, with no "pop-outs", three-dimensional elements, or electronic construction. Use only one side and do not extend any portion of the design or display beyond the 30" x 40" board. DO NOT frame or set the board in glass or plastic.

## **DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES**

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Entries with all supporting materials, forms and fees must be received by **5:00 pm on April 3, 2020**. Entry forms are included in this packet of information. The entry information packet may also be downloaded from the SEAOSC website <https://www.seaosc.org/Excellence-in-Engineering-Awards>. Entries are to be submitted online at: <https://seaosc.wufoo.com/forms/seaocseaosc-2020-awards-program-entry-form/>. Display boards should be clearly labeled as "Submission for SEAOSC/SEAOC 2020 Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards" and delivered to the following address:

SEAOSC/SEAOC 2020 Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards  
c/o Co-Pilots Business Services  
437 S. Cataract Avenue  
Suite 4B  
San Dimas, CA 91773  
Phone: 562-908-6131

Upon receipt of a complete entry submission, a confirming email will be sent to the Entrant. Award recipients will be individually notified by May 22, 2020, in advance of the awards ceremony. The SEAOSC 2020 Awards will be recognized as a part of the June 3, 2020 SEAOSC monthly meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the SEAOSC/SEAOC office by email at [seaosc@seaosc.org](mailto:seaosc@seaosc.org) or by telephone at 562-908-6131

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**SIGNATURE FORM:** One (1) Entry per Form

(SEAOSC Use Only) **Project No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAOC Use Only) **Project No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT INFORMATION:**

Name of Project/Entry

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

Project Completion Date: DD/MM/YYYY Est. Project Construction Cost: \$XXX,XXX,XXX Check if Student Project: ☐

**AWARD ENTRY CATEGORY:** (Select only **ONE**)

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ____ 1. Study/Research/Guidelines | ____ 4. Historic Preservation |
| ____ 2. Special-Use Structures    | ____ 5. Retrofit/Alteration   |
| ____ 3. Infrastructure            | ____ 6. New Construction      |

**SIGNATURES:**

The following Signatures are mandatory – if an individual is unavailable to sign this form, separate letters of authorization may be attached. A digital version of this form must be in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.

We the undersigned, affirm that we are Members or Member SE's in good standing of our respective SEAOC Member Organizations. Further, we have the authority to enter the subject project for consideration in the SEAOC/SEAOSC 2020 Excellence in Structural Engineering (EiSE) Awards Programs. We have obtained, as appropriate, permission from all necessary parties for the release of the submitted project information and acknowledge that the entry shall become the sole property of SEAOC/SEAOSC. By entering this project for consideration in the EiSE Awards, we are authorized to grant a royalty-free license to SEAOSC and SEAOC to use any information, including copyrighted material, submitted. Such right includes publication of photographs and names of award recipients without compensation to entrants or represented firms.

**ENTRANT**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ENGINEER OF RECORD, RESPONSIBLE ENGINEER, OR PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### ENTRY FEE FORM AND CHECKLIST:

(SEAOSC Use Only) Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAOC Use Only) Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROJECT INFORMATION:

Name of Project/Entry

Project Address

City

State

Zip Code

Entrant Name

Firm

Email Address

Use this form to ensure your entry is complete. A copy of this **Checklist** should be submitted with the **Online Entry Form**.

\_\_\_\_ 1. **Online Entry Form** - <https://seaosc.wufoo.com/forms/seaocseaosc-2020-awards-program-entry-form/>

\_\_\_\_ 2. **Entry Checklist**

\_\_\_\_ a. Payment made online, via the entry form.

\_\_\_\_ b. **Entry Fee: \$300.00**

**Note:** Entry Fee includes both SEAOC and SEAOSC Awards Programs. Projects recognized as Award of Excellence or Award of Merit recipients will receive one (1) Award Certificate and Award; additional Certificates may be provided at no charge; additional Award Plaques or Statues may incur additional charges. Please coordinate directly with SEAOC and SEAOSC if multiple copies are to be requested.

\_\_\_\_ 3. **30" x 40" Display Board (Horizontal Format) - hard copy to be delivered to:**

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c/o Co-Pilots Business Services  
437 S. Cataract Avenue  
Suite 4B  
San Dimas, CA 91773

Submit the following Entry Forms **ELECTRONICALLY**:

\_\_\_\_ 1. **Entry Form, with Award Entry Category # Specified** - <https://seaosc.wufoo.com/forms/seaocseaosc-2020-awards-program-entry-form/>

\_\_\_\_ 2. **Signature Form** (Included in this Packet) with **Award Entry Category # Specified** (Adobe PDF)

\_\_\_\_ 3. **Entry Checklist** (This Form)

\_\_\_\_ 4. **Two-page Project Summary** (MS Word format)

\_\_\_\_ 5. **200 to 300-word Project Abstract** (MS Word format)

\_\_\_\_ 6. **Display Board Electronic Files** (Hi-Res Adobe PDF 30x42, and Low-Res JPG 11x17 formats)

\_\_\_\_ 7. **MS PowerPoint Presentation** (6 to 12 slides, Adobe PDF and PowerPoint PPT formats)

\_\_\_\_ 8. **High-Resolution photo(s) of the Project**, (One to Three [1-3] Photo in JPEG or TIFF format)