



Tennessee Chapter

**Construction  
Awards  
of  
Excellence  
2013**

**Entry Deadline  
August 29, 2013**



## 2013 ABC TENNESSEE CHAPTER CONSTRUCTION AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

You are invited to enter your top projects in the 2013 Construction Awards of Excellence competition. This 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Chapter competition offers your company a great opportunity to be recognized as part of “the best of the best” in the Tennessee construction industry.

All Tennessee Chapter contractor members in good standing are eligible to enter this competition. Projects must be scheduled for completion between August 23, 2012 – August 29, 2013. (No project with a safety related fatality can receive consideration for an award.) Entries must be presented following the guidelines contained in this brochure and must be accompanied by the entry fee.

Award winners will be recognized at the ABC Construction Awards Banquet on October 24, 2013. Display boards and a slide show with photographs of all projects entered will be available for viewing prior to and during dinner. A PowerPoint presentation highlighting the award-winning projects will be featured and awards will be presented to the contractors. Special awards will also be given to the owners and architects or engineers of the winning projects. The photo boards of the winning projects will be on display at the Chapter building following the banquet.

Chapter winners are eligible to enter ABC National’s Excellence in Construction Awards (EIC) competition and join the ranks of hundreds of merit shop companies that are recognized at the national level. National level winners will be recognized at a special EIC event and will be highlighted on the National ABC website @ [www.abc.org](http://www.abc.org).

### YOUR ENTRY

All entries become the property of the Mid-Tennessee Chapter of ABC. ABC will retain the applicant’s entry binder as long as it is needed to fulfill program requirements. (It is suggested that you make extra copies of the entries to keep for your company.)

ABC reserves the right to modify the award categories based upon the number and quality of the entries received.

Awards may not be given for all possible categories if in the opinion of the judges no single entry is deserving of an award in a particular category or categories.

#### Quick Review Tips:

- Follow closely the instructions listed on the Judging & Entry Guidelines page.
- Safety counts for the majority of points; don’t forget to include the “safety page” in your entry.
- Entry notebooks and checks are due to Chapter by the deadline. (Companies entering multiple projects may pay for all entry fees in one check if preferred.)

**Each entry requires a non-refundable entry form and \$350 entry fee and must be received at the Chapter office no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 29, 2013. (NO EXCEPTIONS!)**

Deliver / Send to: 2013 Awards of Excellence Committee  
ABC Mid-Tennessee Chapter  
1604 Elm Hill Pike  
Nashville, TN 37210

QUESTIONS??? Contact Norma Whittier @ the ABC office – 615/399-8323.

# AWARDS CATEGORIES

## GENERAL CONTRACTING / CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (includes both ground up construction and tenant finish)

### **Commercial**

Office buildings, retail facilities, banks, hotels, mixed use, etc.

Under \$5M  
\$5 - \$10M  
\$10 - \$25M  
Over \$25M

### **Community / Public Service**

Projects that enhance the community, using partially or fully donated resources by the contractor.

### **Healthcare**

Hospitals, nursing homes, etc.

Under \$5M  
\$5 - \$10M  
\$10 - \$25M  
Over \$25M

### **Historical Restoration / Renovation**

Renovation of historical buildings (registered or eligible to be reg.)

Under \$2M  
\$2 - \$10M  
Over \$10M

### **Industrial**

Manufacturing plants and facilities, etc.

Under \$5M  
\$5 - \$15M  
\$15 - \$25M  
Over \$25M

### **Community / Public Service**

Projects that enhance the community, using partially or fully donated resources by the contractor.

### **Electrical - Commercial/Institutional**

Schools, hospitals, outdoor lighting, shopping centers, etc.

Under \$2M  
\$2 - \$10M  
Over \$10M

### **Electrical - Industrial**

Manufacturing plants, processing plants, testing facilities involving motor control, instrumentation

Under \$2M  
\$2 - \$10M  
Over \$10M

### **Exterior Finish**

Exterior walls, roofing, masonry, precast or stone, etc.

### **Infrastructure/Heavy**

Streets, highways, parks, dams, bridges, etc.

### **Institutional**

Schools, churches, local govt. structures, etc.

Under \$5M  
\$5 - \$10M  
\$10 - \$25M  
Over \$25M

### **Pre-Engineered Building**

Institutional, shopping centers, banks, manufacturing plants, etc.

### **Public Works/Environmental**

Water treatment plants, sewer treatment plants

### **Renovation**

Renovation of non-historical existing buildings

Under \$4M  
\$4 - \$10M  
Over \$10M

### **Residential**

Single family, multi-family and condominium projects

### **Other Construction**

Construction not specifically referred to in other categories:

## SPECIALTY CONTRACTING

### **Interior Contractor**

Drywall, tile, ceiling, flooring, wall covering, etc.

### **Mechanical - Commercial/Institutional**

Schools, hospitals, shopping centers, office bldgs., hotels, etc.

Under \$2M  
\$2 - \$10M  
Over \$10M

### **Mechanical - Industrial**

Manufacturing plants, processing plants, pneumatic controls

Under \$2M  
\$2 - \$10M  
Over \$10M

### **Sitework/Landscape**

Landscape interior/exterior, parking lots, etc.

### **Other Specialty Construction**

Construction not specifically referred to in other categories.

# JUDGING & ENTRY GUIDELINES

A panel of judges will be selected from professionals with a construction background. There is a total possible score of 100 points. Listed below are the different sections and their point values.

## **OVERALL PRESENTATION AND APPEARANCE OF ENTRY: 5 points**

- ◆ Entry must be in a three-ring binder – not to exceed 12" x 12". Do not send videos, DVDs or oversized documents.
- ◆ Use tabs with a label for each of the sections 1 through 7 (or tab names) as listed below.
- ◆ Company name, project name and entry category are displayed on the **spine** and **cover** of the binder.
- ◆ "Project Information Form" is to be inserted at front of the binder.
- ◆ "Safety Form" is to be included in the Safety section.
- ◆ Use the correct ABC logo trademark (go to [www.abctennessee.com](http://www.abctennessee.com) for copies)

## **Tab Sections:**

### **1. PHOTOGRAPHS: 8 points**

- ◆ Submit photographs of the project on 8–10, single-sided 8 ½ x 11 sheets. There is no limitation on the number or size of photos for the 10 pages although 8-10 "full-size" photos recommended. To receive maximum points, provide "in progress" for new construction or "before & after" photos for restoration and renovation projects.
- ◆ Provide a caption for each printed photo; keep the electronic images on a CD clear of any labels or captions.
- ◆ Two (2) CDs required – one with 5 digital photos (include shots such as before & after, interior/exterior, etc. for presentation purposes); the other cd should contain only one photo to be used on the display board.

Photos should be:

- On CDs in cases or vinyl sleeves that can be removed from your entry book
  - CDs are to be "labeled" with company name and project name (can be abbreviated)
  - Saved at least at 300 dpi, 8" x 10"; high resolution jpg, tiff or Photoshop eps
  - NOT contained within a software program & must not include any text or framing that affects the photo
- ◆ Applicants must obtain the rights from their photographer to reprint the photographs without limitations – any liability for copyright violation shall be borne solely by the applicant. (Ownership of the physical photograph is not enough.)

### **2. CONTRACTED SCOPE: (maximum one single-sided page) 10 points**

Detailed facts and description of the project – type of construction, physical size of project, calendar (start & end date), contract value, length and location of project, and percentage of work self performed. Also, describe the opportunities you provided to the construction community to participate based on merit. (Sample Contracted Scope wording from previous winning entries may be viewed online @ [www.abc.org/eic](http://www.abc.org/eic).)

### **3. NARRATIVE: (maximum of four single-sided pages \*) 27 points**

*Why is this project special?* Describe innovative programs relating to personnel management, quality control, scheduling, value engineering dollar value, special obstacles you overcame in completing the project, & the difficulty or extenuating circumstances encountered in completing the project. \*Note: projects entered in Community/Public Service categories may include up to 5, single-sided pages with the fifth page being a separate page describing why the project qualifies for the category; include a description of the resources donated by your company.

### **4. SAFETY: 33 points (see separate page for details; page to be included in entry)**

*(No project with a safety-related fatality, regardless of contractor or trade, is eligible to enter.)*

### **5. REFERENCES: 10 points**

Include letters of recommendation from the owner, design team and other endorsements or third-party comments. To obtain maximum points, general contractors should submit at least a letter from the owner or architect. Specialty contractors should submit at least a letter from the construction manager or general contractor.

### **6. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS: (maximum five pages) 3 points**

Miscellaneous supporting material such as diagrams, other graphics, media coverage and promotion. (Do not send oversized documents – copy at reduced size to include in entry.)

### **7. AQC CONTRACTOR: 1 point**

If your company is designated as an ABC Accredited Quality Contractor (AQC) member, include a copy of the company certificate or AQC renewal letter. This certificate may be requested by emailing ABC National at [aqc@abc.org](mailto:aqc@abc.org). (For AQC applications, contact the Chapter or go online @ [www.abc.org](http://www.abc.org).)

# SAFETY FORM

*Safety Section - 33 points - This form is mandatory and is to be placed as the first page behind the safety tab of your entry.*

No project with a safety-related fatality, regardless of contractor or trade, is eligible to receive consideration for an Award of Excellence.

- ◆ Did this project have a safety-related fatality?  Yes  No  
**If yes, do not submit your entry for this competition.**
- ◆ If your company is a Safety Training Evaluation Process (STEP) award recipient, include a copy of your certificate. For information about STEP or to access an application, go online @ abc.org, Safety, STEP.
- ◆ Does your company have a written Safety & Health Policy Manual?  Yes  No  
(If yes, give a brief summary - maximum one page or include copy of one page of its Table of Contents)
- ◆ Did you develop a site-specific Safety & Health Policy Manual?  Yes  No  
(If yes, give a brief summary - maximum one page or include copy of one page of its Table of Contents)
- ◆ Were toolbox safety meetings held with employees?  Yes  No Documented?  Yes  No
- ◆ How often? \_\_\_\_\_ Include a one-page summary or an example (up to 2 pages).
- ◆ Was specialized training or innovative safety and health programs utilized on this project?  Yes  No  
Describe on a separate page.
- ◆ Total man-hours for all disciplines included in your contract on this project \_\_\_\_\_  
(General contractors and construction managers must include all specialty contractors' hours on this project.)
- ◆ Number of OSHA recordable accidents on this project. \_\_\_\_\_ (Include accident counts for all specialty contractors under your contract.)
- ◆ Number of OSHA restricted day cases on this project. \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Number of OSHA lost-time accidents on this project. \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Provide the project's organizational chart identifying the person responsible for safety.

Name, title, phone #, e-mail address and signature of person responsible for safety on this project.

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- ◆ Does your company have a substance-abuse policy?  Yes  No If yes, provide a copy of the Table of Contents.  
Additional information regarding any innovative safety and health programs used on this project or the company's overall safety program may be included.

# 2013 PROJECT INFORMATION FORM

Use this form only (copies accepted); available from the Chapter office or @ [www.abctennessee.com](http://www.abctennessee.com)

Complete all information exactly as it should appear in award-related materials and on the awards.

Include this form at very front of the project entry binder.

For each winning project, ABC will provide an award for the contractor, owner, and the design firm. (Additional awards may be purchased for multiple owners and/or design firms.)

Name of Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Company Principal and Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person regarding this application \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone, Fax, & E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Must have person to contact in case there are questions regarding this entry.*

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

Project Location (City/State) \_\_\_\_\_

Final Contract Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Category (see List) \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: The Chapter Awards program closely follows the National ABC Excellence in Construction guidelines. For further descriptions of each category, go to [www.abc.org/eic](http://www.abc.org/eic) and click on category descriptions.*

Name of Architect/Engineering Firm \_\_\_\_\_

*(MP&Es should list trade specific design firm – if awards wanted for more than 1 firm, additional fees will apply.)*

Client/Owner (Firm Name) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Specialty contractors should list actual project client/owner name – not general contracting firm; if awards wanted for more than 1 firm, additional fees will apply.)*

Construction Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_

LEED / Green Certification \_\_\_\_\_

*(Special recognition for projects that have been certified or have applied for LEED / Green certification.)*

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW:** *Enclosed is our check for \$325 payable to Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC) and entry notebook(s) meeting the requirements for the Awards of Excellence entry. I give ABC permission to use photographs and any information submitted for this Construction Awards Competition in awards materials (presentation, printed matter, etc.), promotional materials and press releases.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date