



Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award

ENTRY FORM

Part of the Outstanding Projects and Leaders Program

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The American Society of Civil Engineers annually recognizes an exemplary civil engineering project as the Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement (OCEA). Established in 1960, this distinguished award honors the project that best illustrates superior civil engineering skills and represents a significant contribution to civil engineering progress and society. Honoring an overall project rather than an individual, the award recognizes the contributions of many engineers.

The OCEA Honor Awards, OCEA winner, silver, and bronze honorees are recognized at the annual OPAL event.

Entries are evaluated based on the following criteria:

**Originality and Innovation**

- New or Innovative Application of Technology, Design, Materials, Process/Methods, and Construction

**Resourcefulness in Planning and Solving Design Challenges**

- Complexity of the Problem or Situation Addressed
- Creativity in Solutions

**Sustainability and Resiliency Considerations**

- Environmental
- Social
- Economic

**Project Planning and Delivery**

- Financing, Budget, and Schedule
- Meeting the Client's Needs
- Budget and Schedule Adherence
- Collaboration and Teamwork in Pursuit of the Project's Goals

**Contributions to the Community**

- Representation of the community
- Enhanced experience of those who interact with the project
- Harmonious integration with the project setting
- Inspiration for the future

Projects of the Year at the region, section, and branch level are expected to be entered for consideration at the national level.

Consideration for the OCEA Award requires the electronic submittal ([awards@asce.org](mailto:awards@asce.org)) of an Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement entry form with attachments as specified below. Projects must meet the eligibility criteria listed below at the time of submission of the entry.

## Preparation Guidelines

Entries must address each criterion and should identify unusual aspects of the project. Describe key challenges and solutions and new technology used. Consider all phases of the project, including the plan, design, construction, operation, and maintenance. The project's environmental, political, economic, social, and legal aspects may also be significant.

Present most technical information in lay terms. OCEA jury members have diverse backgrounds in civil engineering. The engineers and design professionals on the jury may have expertise in structures, for example, but not in environmental engineering.

## Submission Entry – **The entire entry package may not exceed 40 pages. Failure to adhere to the rules will result in disqualification.**

All entries must be in English and **must** include the following in this order:

1. Completed entry form
2. Brief description of the project, not to exceed 250 words
3. Brief description of magnitude of the contribution to the community or advancement made to be used in media press releases, not to exceed 100 words:

Examples:

- New or Rehabbed Water Treatment Plant: XX million gallons of drinking water treated,
  - New or Rehabbed Water Lines: reduction in losses to drinking water by XX million gallons,
  - Civil Site/New Building: reduction in carbon footprint by XX tons,
  - New Road or Safety Corridor: increased community connectivity and safety,
  - Design-Build Bridge: increased speed of erection and benefit to reduce impact to traveling public: XX dollars in reduced loss of economy,
  - Drone Inspection: use of drone technology increased safety of workers and the public, reducing active time of inspectors on the bridge cables, and
  - Highspeed Rail: environmental justice impacts were improved by increasing connectivity between communities through redevelopment in area around rail line.
4. Summary describing how project meets judging criteria, not to exceed 1,000 words.
  5. Brief description of how the project is sustainable, not to exceed 250 words.
  6. Attachments such as articles from newspapers, magazines or journals, if available. If non-English articles are presented, their translation must be provided.
  7. No more than twelve (12) color images of the project.

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PROJECT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

To determine whether or not your project is eligible for entry, please complete this page and then move on to the remaining pages as directed. Projects can be entered if they meet the following eligibility criteria in the twenty-four (24) month period of the year preceding the year of award and meeting project criteria as stated. Identify your project by checking the appropriate box and attesting to its eligibility.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bridges, tunnels, waterways, railways, roads (other than toll): eligible only when carrying traffic; the time of final completion or dedication is not important.

\_\_\_\_\_ Toll or similar regional roads: any portion in use is eligible when carrying traffic. The entire road is eligible when it is 75% operational. Regional roads are defined as not Federal or State/Provincial roads.

\_\_\_\_\_ Water supply, flood control dams: eligible when ready to take the full design head of water.

\_\_\_\_\_ Power dams: eligible when the major civil engineering construction is completed, and the structure can take its design head of water.

\_\_\_\_\_ Power plants: eligible when power is generated and delivered.

\_\_\_\_\_ Buildings, other structures and facilities: eligible when ready for use (certificate of occupancy has been obtained where applicable).

\_\_\_\_\_ Airports and other similar large developments: eligible when initial phase is 75% operational. Individual structures or features (such as major buildings or runways) are eligible when operational but will be considered separately from the entire project.

\_\_\_\_\_ Water supply, water treatment, and waste disposal: the entire project is eligible when it is 50% operational in its initial phase. Any completed component is eligible but will be considered separately from the entire project.

\_\_\_\_\_ Port, coastal, ocean, wetlands projects, and offshore structures: eligible when complete.

\_\_\_\_\_ Military projects (such as bases, launching units, and harbor facilities): eligible when initial phase is 75% operational. Individual structures or features (such as major buildings or runways) are eligible when operational but will be considered separately from the entire project.

I have placed my project in the category that best describes it and hereby attest, by the signing of my name, that it meets established eligibility requirements.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If your project meets eligibility requirements, continue the entry by completing remaining pages of this form.

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## PROJECT INFORMATION

Project name (exactly as it should appear on the trophy)  
Presented by the American Society of Civil Engineers to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Example: Potomac Crossing Consultants  
Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project

Project Location (city/state): \_\_\_\_\_

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

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

Total Project Budget: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Were there any serious injuries or deaths on this project  No  Yes  
If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of any past or impending actions regarding this project and the project team that can reflect poorly on ASCE? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

## NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

Describe the Nominator's Role:  
 Nominator Only  Active in the Project

If active in the project, describe activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If any of the entities listed below are comprised of multiple organizations, e.g. the entity is a joint venture, include the names of each organization.

### PROJECT OWNER INFORMATION

Project Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Firm CEO \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Prime Contractor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Designer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Engineer of Record's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

General Contractor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### SUBCONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Please provide contact information for all key subcontractors who contributed to this project. If more space is needed, please add lines.

Contact person's name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person's name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize submission of this project into the American Society of Civil Engineer's Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement (OCEA) Award competition. I have received the Owner's, Prime Contractor's and Lead Designer's permission to enter this project into the OCEA competition and verify all information presented is available (or can be) in the public domain.

Senior Executive/Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Should the selection committee require further information, please provide the following information about the person who should be contacted:

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST – Failure to follow the rules will result in disqualification.**

Entry material for the Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement (OCEA) Award should be presented in the following order:

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