Texas Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award

ENTRY FORM

Part of the Outstanding Projects and Leaders Program

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The Texas Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers annually recognizes an exemplary civil engineering project as the Texas 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 Texas OCEA winner and Award of Merit winner are recognized at the Awards Gala each fall.

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
- Contributions to the Well-Being of People and Communities, including Aesthetic Value

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 (office@texasce.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. Entries will also be read by general media reporters who cover such civil engineering issues as transportation or the environment but who may not have engineering backgrounds.

Entry Format – The entire entry package may not exceed 40 pages.

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

- Completed entry form
- Brief description of the project, not to exceed 250 words
- Summary describing how project meets judging criteria, not to exceed 1,000 words.
- Brief description of how the project is sustainable, not to exceed 250 words.
- Attachments such as articles from newspapers, magazines or journals, if available. If non-English articles are presented, their translation must be provided.
- No more than six color images of the project.

DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS 5:00 PM CT, NOVEMBER 20.

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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 is 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)

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Name of Owner: _____

Name of 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? _____ No _____ Yes

If yes, please explain: _____

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NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

Describe the Nominator's Role:

_____ Nominator Only _____ Active in the Project

If active in the project, describe activity/role: _____

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 MAIN CONTACT 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 or a separate page.

COMPANY NAME _____

Contact person's name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Country _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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I hereby authorize submission of this project into the Texas Section of 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 Texas 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

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

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