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## Excellence in Construction® Awards Project Entry Requirements and Forms

**Associated Builders and Contractors of Connecticut invites your company to enter its best projects in the 2026 CT ABC Excellence in Construction Awards competition.**

**NOTE: This form serves as a tool to help applicants gather, prepare and submit data for the 2026 application. All applications must be submitted through this form. Application deadline is Friday, May 22, 2026 with a fee of \$275.**

**Late entries will be accepted until May 29, 2026 at an increased entry fee of \$450.**

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### Program Overview

Your company has the opportunity to compete for honors in the construction industry's premier annual awards program—the CT ABC Excellence in Construction Awards competition—that recognizes the outstanding merit shop projects of the year. Use this application to enter your company's best project(s).

All award winners will be recognized at the 24rd Excellence in Construction Awards dinner on Thursday, October 29, 2026 at The Aqua Turf Club. The ceremony will feature a multimedia presentation highlighting the First Place and Merit winners as well as onstage recognition to receive a crystal award and an elegant professional keepsake program booklet highlighting each award-winning project.

### Entry Requirements

Each entry must follow the entry requirements outlined in this award guide. Email questions to [Lauren@ctabc.org](mailto:Lauren@ctabc.org).

### CT ABC Membership

Only CT ABC contractor members are eligible to enter. Projects completed through a joint venture must include a document outlining the ownership percentage and responsibilities of each partner. Include the document with the Project Information section. If the majority partner is a CT ABC member, but not all partners are CT ABC members, only the majority contractor is eligible to enter.

### Safety Policy

A company that experiences a safety-related fatality of a direct employee in the United States within the current program year is **NOT** eligible for an Excellence in Construction Award. If a subsidiary is a direct ABC member versus part of a larger holding company member, then the subsidiary with a safety-related fatality is not eligible, but another subsidiary of the same holding company may be. Furthermore, all EIC award winners have a continuing duty to inform ABC of a safety-related fatality that occurred after the end of the current program year until the time of the awards program. Such a fatality will nullify the EIC award. After the judging process and prior to the awards program, ABC requests that an award winner confirms that a safety-related fatality did not occur. Failure to respond to the request will also nullify the EIC award.

If there is a question regarding this policy and application requirement, the applicant may request clarification from the National EIC Committee by emailing [eic@abc.org](mailto:eic@abc.org) prior to submission of the project.

## Project Entry Deadlines

- **Completion of Project** – Projects must be completed by Friday, May 22, 2026.
- **Submission Deadline** – Entries must be completed online no later than Friday, May 22, 2026 at an entry fee of \$275. **Late entries will be accepted until May 29, 2026 at an increased entry fee of \$450.**
- **Project Entry Fee** – Each project must be submitted with online payment in the amount of \$275.

The entry fee is *non-refundable*.

Specific questions may be directed to the CT ABC office by sending an email to [Lauren@ctabc.org](mailto:Lauren@ctabc.org). Frequently asked questions and application tips are listed at [abc.org/eic](http://abc.org/eic).

## Overview of Awards

## Categories

Awards may be presented in 50 categories. Outlined below under **Project Award Categories**, you will find the 31 categories for General Contracting/Construction Management and the 19 categories for Specialty Contracting. For further descriptions of each category, visit [abc.org/eic](http://abc.org/eic).

## Scoring

The panel of judges represents a cross section of construction industry experts, including owners, architects, engineers and other industry leaders. The competition is comparative, using a point system to assist in the comparisons. A project entry can earn a total possible score of 100 points. The different evaluative sections and their point values are in the subsequent sections below. Answers to questions should be clear and succinct, as directed; be sure to read each section carefully. The applying company's ability to follow the guidelines will have a great impact on its opportunity to win.

*\*CT ABC judges reserve the right to adjust scoring criteria/point system.*

## Requirements: Intent-to-Compete/Registration

**Below in the application:**

**-you will be required to select a project category**

**-you will be required to submit a non-refundable submission fee of \$275 per entry**

## Entrant Registration

### Please complete the following:

**Company Name**

CT ABC

**Applicant Name**

Lauren Kelly

**Project Title****Applicant Job Title**

Marketing & Member Services

**Project location (city, state if in the United States)****Applicant Phone Number**

(860) 838-6231

**Final Contract Amount\*****Applicant Email**

Lauren@ctabc.org

\*(ABC will keep the information confidential, if requested)

## Requirements: Overall Presentation (5 points)

### Overall Presentation and Conformance to Entry Requirements

Uploaded documents should be pleasing to the eye and legible. Points will be deducted for font that is too small to easily read, as well as grammatical/typographical errors.

## Requirements: Project Information

### Contractor Information

**Company Name****Principal****Principal Email****Principal Title****Principal Phone Number****Mailing Address (Street, City)****State****Zip Code**

**Business ownership:**

**Primary Award Contact**

**Primary Award Contact Name**

**Primary Award Contact Email**

**Primary Award Contact Title**

**Primary Award Contact Phone**

**Please indicate which types of firms were involved in the project.**

**Architecture Firm**

No

**Engineer Firm**

No

**General Contractor Firm Information (If the applicant is a subcontractor)**

No

**Client/Owner Firm**

No

**Did any prime, multi-prime, or sub-trade contractor on this project have a safety-related fatality on this project?**

No

**Did the applying member company have a safety-related fatality in the United States within the current program year?  
See dates below.**

No

**Was this project completed by a joint venture?**

No

**Was this a design-build project, with design and construction services under one contract with a single point of responsibility?**

No

**Was this a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) project through the U.S. Green Building Council?**

No

**Starting date of construction (original)**

**Starting date of construction (actual)**

**Substantial completion date of construction (GC) (original)**

**Substantial completion date of construction (GC) (actual)**

**Demobilization date (subs) (original)**

**Demobilization date (subs) (actual)**

**Project size (square footage)**

**Project site size (acres)**

**Delay days overcome (#)**

**Start of preconstruction services (contract-specific):**

**Procurement method:**

**Contract type:**

**Technology used on the project:**

**Write a brief project description no more than 400 characters highlighting the most impressive/unique aspects of the job.**

**Write a project profile in no more than 2,400 characters highlighting the most impressive/unique aspects of the project for use in the event printed program booklet and online promotion. This project summary is subject to editing by CT ABC.**

**Please provide the names of two (2) top field personnel\* to receive the Outstanding Field Personnel Award at the event.**

**Please provide a hi-resolution copy of your most up-to-date company logo in both EPS and JPG format.**

**Please submit your walk-up music (song and artist/version) to play at awards dinner should your project win. Please note if a specific time stamp is desired.**

## **Requirements: Contracted Scope (10 points)**

Ensuring legibility when selecting font design and size, upload a description (Word document no more than one full page) of the scope for this project with the following information:

- Type of construction (i.e. Lump Sum, Time & Materials, Construction Management at Risk, Cost Plus, etc.)
- Size of project
- Contract value
- Duration of project
- Percentage of labor that is self-performed
- Any subcontracted work performed by CT ABC members, suppliers or associates, if applicable.
- Describe the opportunities you provided to the construction community to participate based on merit.

**Upload Contracted Scope File Here. Pdf format only.**

## Subcontractors: Listing of subs on project

Upload subcontractor contact information using the Excel template for any subcontracted work performed on this project, including contractors and suppliers.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Sub company name	Contact name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Email
2	XYZ Company	Suzanne O'Malley	123 Beech Street	Haddam	CT	06438	(860) 123-4567	somalley@xyz.com

## Requirements: Project Narrative (30 points)

Ensuring legibility when selecting font design and size, provide a written narrative (no more than four pages\*) indicating why this project is special and why it qualifies for an award. The focus of the narrative should be the construction (i.e. erection, installation, modification, grade footprint, etc.) of the project. Four pages are highly recommended and photos/images may be incorporated. Be sure to include the following items:

- Describe any innovative programs relating to quality control
- Describe any innovative programs relating to scheduling
- Describe any value analysis/engineering process used on the project
- Indicate any special obstacles you overcame in completing the project
- Describe any difficulties or extenuating circumstances encountered in completing the project
- Describe any innovative programs or methods relating to productivity

Word format is required.

\*Projects entered into the Community/Public Service categories are allowed one additional page (for a total of five pages) dedicated to describing why the project qualifies for the category. This will be uploaded separately following the project narrative and should include a detailed description of the resources your company donated.

**Upload Project Narrative File Here. PDF only.**

## Requirements: Photographs (8 points)

Submit up to 10 high-quality photographs in *jpg or png format only*. It is recommended to include photos that are relevant to the challenges and solutions outlined in the narrative. To obtain maximum points, all projects should include “in progress” photos in addition to the completed project. Restoration and Renovation projects should also include “before and after” images.

- Single jpg files may include up to two photographs, but no more than four files should include split images.
- Provide a descriptive caption for each file in the text box provided, but keep the photograph free of any labels, captions and borders/framing. Each caption should not exceed 50 words.
- Ensure the photographs are free of any safety violations.
- Ten photographs are strongly recommended. Files should be in hi res JPG format at a minimum of 226-300 DPI resolution, no larger than 5MB per photo. No PDFs are allowed.

If any photos being submitted were taken by a third-party photographer, the photographer’s written authorization to use the photos is required. In order to comply, you must check the box below to acknowledge completion of the [licensing agreement](#) which can be found at the bottom of the web page. No changes are allowed to this document.

**I have completed the licensing agreement.**

No

**Upload Licensing Agreement Here. Pdf file required.**

**Upload Photograph #1 Here**

**Photo #1 Caption**

**Upload Photograph #2 Here**

**Photo #2 Caption**

**Upload Photograph #3 Here**

**Photo #3 Caption**

**Upload Photograph #4 Here**

**Photo #4 Caption**

**Upload Photograph #5 Here**

**Photo #5 Caption**

**Upload Photograph #6 Here**

**Photo #6 Caption**

**Upload Photograph #7 Here**

**Photo #7 Caption**

**Upload Photograph #8 Here**

**Photo #8 Caption**

**Upload Photograph #9 Here**

**Photo #9 Caption**

**Upload Photograph #10 Here**

**Photo #10 Caption**

**Please use the following (3) photos for digital and print promotional purposes.**

Photo #1

Photo #3

Photo #6

### Requirements: Safety (31 points)

A company that experiences a safety-related fatality of a direct employee in the United States within the current program year - April 19 2025 – April 18, 2026 — is NOT eligible for an Excellence in Construction Award. If a subsidiary is a direct CT ABC member versus part of a larger holding company member, then the subsidiary with a safety-related fatality is not eligible, but another subsidiary of the same holding company may be. Furthermore, all EIC award winners have a continuing duty to inform CT ABC of a safety-related fatality that occurred after the end of the current program year until the time of the awards program. Such a fatality will nullify the EIC award.

A company that experienced a safety-related fatality of a direct employee in the United States within two or three years of the current program year is required to provide additional information regarding action that has been taken following the fatality (details on the next page).

No project that involves a prime, multi-prime, subcontractor or any trade-related work (regardless of the type of contract) with a safety-related fatality is eligible for an Excellence in Construction Award.

If there is a question regarding these eligibility requirements, the applicant should request clarification from the National EIC committee prior to submission by emailing [eic@abc.org](mailto:eic@abc.org).

**Did the applying company have a safety-related fatality within the current program year? (see program dates below)**

No

**Did this project have a safety-related fatality?**

No

**Did your company have a safety-related fatality within three years of the current program year? See dates below.**

No

**Has your company signed the Construction Coalition for a Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace's pledge at [drugfreeconstruction.org](http://drugfreeconstruction.org)?**

No

**Does your company have a written Safety and Health Policy Manual? If yes, include its table of contents or provide a one-page summary.**

No

**Upload Safety and Health Policy Manual here**

**Please provide copies of the project-specific OSHA Form 300 and OSHA Form 300A for your company.**

If project-specific forms are not available, you may include completed forms for all the year(s) the project was under construction, including a year-to-date form if the contract was completed in the current program year. If you are submitting annual forms, they must be specific to the office location that completed the work and all recordables specific to the project being submitted must be highlighted. **All personal information must be redacted.** If omitted, your company is not eligible.

**Upload OSHA File Here. Must be a pdf file.**

**Does your company have a written substance abuse policy?**

No

**Was a site-specific Safety and Health Policy Manual developed for this project?**

No

**If applicable, please provide the Safety and Health Policy table of contents or a one-page summary.**

**Please provide the project's organizational chart identifying the person responsible for safety.**

**Does your company conduct a new employee safety orientation?**

No

**Were toolbox safety meetings held with employees?**

No

**Did your company regularly establish pre-task safety planning prior to beginning work on this project?**

No

**Did your company have a process in place to record near-miss cases on this project?**

No

**Was specialized training conducted on this project?**

No

**Provide additional information regarding any innovative safety and health programs used on this project or the company's overall safety program.**

**Enter the following information to calculate your company's Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR).**

*Number of recordable accidents x 200,000 / total manhours for the project.*

**Total manhours for all disciplines included in your contract on this project\***

**\*General contractors and construction managers also must include all subcontractors' hours and recordables on this project.**

**Number of OSHA-recordable accidents on this project.**

**Company NAICS and SIC codes**

**Number of OSHA job transfer or restriction cases on this project.**

**Number of OSHA days away from work cases on this project.**

**Please enter your Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR):**

**For general contractors or construction managers: Do you require accident reports from specialty contractors?**

No

**For the person responsible for safety on this project and attesting to these accident rates provide the following:**

**Safety Contact Name**

**Safety Contact Title**

**Safety Contact Phone**

**Safety Contact Email**

**Please upload a statement from the person responsible for safety on this project and attesting to these accident rates including a signature.**

**Requirements: References (10 points)**

Include up to 3 letters of recommendation from third parties involved with the project, such as the owner and design team. If the owner is unable to provide a letter of recommendation due to company policy, upload a letter from the owner on their letterhead stating they are unable to provide a reference (this letter will qualify for only five points). PDF format is required. General contractors must submit letters from at least the owner (or the general contractor's prime contracting entity, if not the owner) and the architect. If submitting in an industrial category, general contractors must submit letters from at least the owner (or the general contractor's prime contracting entity). Specialty contractors must submit a letter from at least the general contractor. If not working under a general contractor, specialty contractors must submit a letter from at least the owner. Second- and third-tier subcontractors must at least submit a letter from their prime contracting entity. Letters will be assessed for their level of quality (content and position of author). In some cases, a single letter could earn the maximum number of points; however, additional letters are highly recommended.

### Opportunities: Supplemental Materials (2 points)

Provide any miscellaneous supporting materials, such as diagrams and other graphics, media coverage, other awards and promotion, aerial or drone footage, BIM, 3D scans and/or CAD drawings. You may provide URL links in the field below. Video files should not exceed two minutes. Videos are highly recommended as they may be incorporated into your project's multi-media introduction at the event, should you be a winner.

Link #1

Link #2

Link #3

You may upload Supplemental Materials Files here.

### Opportunities: Accredited Quality Contractor (AQC) (2 points)

If your company has achieved ABC's Accredited Quality Contractor (AQC) credential in the current program year, upload a PDF copy of the company certificate. The certificate must indicate the chapter that you are submitting your project through because the AQC credential is chapter specific. If necessary, a copy of the certificate may be requested by emailing [aqc@abc.org](mailto:aqc@abc.org). Please note that requests will be processed in the order in which they are received; be sure to put your request in early. The AQC credential is not required to submit for an Excellence in Construction award. For more information about the AQC program, visit [abc.org/aqc](http://abc.org/aqc) or email [aqc@abc.org](mailto:aqc@abc.org).

### Opportunities: STEP Safety Management System (2 points)

If your company is a STEP participant, upload a PDF copy of the company certificate(s) from this year, as well as any year(s) the project was performed. If your company does not have an electronic copy of your STEP certificate(s), contact [step@abc.org](mailto:step@abc.org) and copy [eic@abc.org](mailto:eic@abc.org). STEP participation is not required to submit a project for an Excellence in Construction Award. For more information about STEP, visit [abc.org/step](http://abc.org/step) or email [step@abc.org](mailto:step@abc.org).

## Social Media & Entry Samples

### Social Media

CT ABC promotes EIC winners on social media (e.g. Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and X, formerly Twitter). A photo from the entry is typically included, with the company name, project name and category. The projects are generally featured after the awards gala and throughout the program year. If your project is awarded, your company and project will be featured on CT ABC's social media accounts. You are agreeing to be featured on all social media with the application submission.

### Entry Sample Release

Members often request samples of EIC applications. In order to assist those applying for the first time in future years, we would like to have winning samples available. If your project is awarded, CT ABC will share your project narrative and/or contracted scope with future year applicants and on the EIC webpage.

## Project Entry Qualifications, Rights and Agreement

All applicants are required to sign off on the following releases.

### Property

All entries become the property of Associated Builders and Contractors of Connecticut (CT ABC).

### Entry Category Reassignment

CT ABC reserves the right to change an entry's original category if it determines that a project's opportunity to win will be enhanced with a different category. CT ABC also reserves the right to redistribute the contract volume levels within a category.

### Grant of Rights

The applicant hereby grants to CT ABC the following non-exclusive rights: the right to reproduce and distribute copies of the work throughout the year as part of the competition materials described above, including the right to reprint the work, or any part thereof, whenever necessary and to license the use of the work, or any part thereof, in any medium or form of communication; and the right to use the applicant's name, photographs and biography in connection with the work. The applicant reserves all rights not specifically granted herein.

### Safety Provision

No project that involves a prime, multi-prime, subcontractor or any trade-related work (regardless of the type of contract) with a safety-related fatality is eligible for an award. No company that experiences a safety-related fatality of a direct employee in the

United States within the current program year is eligible for an award. Furthermore, all EIC award winners have a continuing duty to inform CT ABC of a safety-related fatality that occurred after the end of the current program year until the time of the awards program. Such a fatality will nullify the EIC award.

## Warranty

The applicant warrants that the work is original, that its publication will not infringe on the rights of others, and that it has the full power to make this grant.

## Notification and News Releases

CT ABC Excellence in Construction Award winners will be notified within weeks of the May/June judging process. News releases will be held until after the awards ceremony takes place on October 29, 2026. Until that time, the winners' information is embargoed. CT ABC will provide winners with a photograph link within several weeks of the ceremony.

## Applicant Agreement

**I understand the entry fee of \$275 is non-refundable.**

Yes

**I agree that typing my name below will serve as a digital signature.**

## Project Award Category Form – General Contracting/Construction Management

**You may select only ONE category indicating the dollar amount of the contract for the project. CT ABC reserves the right to change an entry's original category if it determines that a project's opportunity to win will be enhanced in a different category. CT ABC also reserves the right to redistribute the contract volume levels within a category.**

### ONLY ONE SELECTION ALLOWED

**Mega-Projects: All projects regardless of type; More than \$100 million**

No

**Commercial: Office buildings, banks, retail facilities, hotels and mixed-use; Up to \$5 million, \$5 to \$10 million, \$10 to \$25 million, \$25 to \$100 million**

No

**Community / Public Service: Philanthropic projects that enhance the community, using substantial resources donated by the contractor; All contract amounts up to \$100 million**

No

**Infrastructure: Heavy - Streets, highways, parks, dams and bridges; All contract amounts up to \$100 million**

No

**Institutional: Projects owned by schools, churches and local governments, with the exception of health care facilities; Up to \$5 million, \$5 to \$10 million, \$10 to \$25 million, \$25 to \$100 million**

No

**Pre-engineered Building: Institutional, shopping centers, banks and manufacturing plants; All contract amounts up to \$100 million**

No

**Federal Government / Military** All projects owned by the federal government, with the exception of transportation infrastructure and utilities; Up to \$10 million, \$10 to \$100 million

No

**Health Care:** Hospitals, assisted living, nursing homes and other licensed medical facilities; Up to \$10 million, \$10 to \$25 million, \$25 to \$100 million

No

**Historical Restoration / Renovation:** Restoration of buildings registered as historical, or eligible to be registered as Historical; Up to \$25 million, \$25 to \$100 million

No

**Industrial:** Manufacturing plants and facilities, refineries and similar types of construction; Up to \$5 million, \$5 to \$15 million, \$15 to \$25 million, \$25 to \$100 million

No

**Public Works / Environmental:** Water treatment plants and sewage treatment plants; All contract amounts up to \$100 million

No

**Renovation:** Non-historical, existing buildings where more than 50 percent of the contracted dollar value was used for renovation or restoration; Up to \$4 million, \$4 to \$10 million, \$10 to \$100 million

No

**Residential:** Residential, including independent living retirement communities; Single-family up to \$100 million, Multifamily and condominium up to \$100 million

No

**Special Projects:** Construction not specifically referred to in the prior categories (e.g. theme parks, zoos, skate parks, water parks and other unique types of projects); Up to \$2 million, \$2 to \$100 million

No

## Project Award Category Form – Specialty Contracting

You may select only ONE category indicating the dollar amount of the contract for the project.

CT ABC reserves the right to change an entry's original category if it determines that a project's opportunity to win will be enhanced by the change to the new category. CT ABC also reserves the right to redistribute the contract volume levels within a category.

### ONLY ONE SELECTION ALLOWED

**Community / Public Service:** Philanthropic projects that enhance the community, using substantial resources donated by the contractor; All contract amounts

No

**Electrical-Commercial:** Schools, hospitals, outdoor lighting, institutional, shopping centers; Up to \$2 million, \$2 to \$10 million

No

**Exteriors- Masonry / Precast / Stone:** Masonry, precast or stone; All contract amounts

No

**Exterior Finishes:** All other exterior finishes not specifically referred to in the prior category; All contract amounts

No

**Electrical-Industrial: Manufacturing plants, processing plants, instrumentation and testing facilities involving motor control; Up to \$2 million, \$2 to \$10 million**

No

**Mechanical-Commercial: Schools, hospitals, institutional, shopping centers; Up to \$2 million, \$2 to \$10 million**

No

**Mechanical-Industrial: Manufacturing plants, processing plants and pneumatic controls; Up to \$2 million, \$2 to \$10 million**

No

**Mechanical: All projects; More than \$10 million**

No

**Electrical: All projects; More than \$10 million**

No

**Interiors- Acoustical / drywall / millwork / plaster: Acoustical, drywall, millwork or plaster; All contract amounts**

No

**Interior Finishes: All other interior finishes not specifically referred to in the prior category; All contract amounts**

No

**Sitework / Landscape / Hardscape: Interior/exterior, landscaping and parking lots; All contract amounts**

No

**Specialty Construction- Commercial: Commercial construction not specifically referred to in the prior categories; Up to \$10 million, More than \$10 million**

No

**Specialty Construction- Industrial: Industrial construction not specifically referred to in the prior categories; Up to \$10 million, More than \$10 million**

No

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#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**If you save your application, you will be emailed a link to resume working on it. Once your application is submitted, you will no longer have access to make any changes to the form.**

## **Payment**

#### **Payment Method**

Invoice me

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**Please enter the Email address that you would like the invoice sent to.**

Lauren@ctabc.org