

Engineering Excellence Submissions
Due September 24, 2010

FAQ

What does the EEA Preliminary Entry Process entail?

Preliminary Entries are received by our office, the information is checked by staff and then it is entered into a database. If there is a question on the Preliminary Form the questions are sent to the EEA Committee Chair or addressed with the entering firm. The preliminary entry fee is \$225. Once the preliminary application is approved a notebook is distributed to the firm.

How are the final submission notebooks handled?

When the completed notebooks come back to the office they are reviewed by ACEC New York staff. Staff ensures that the notebook contains the correct number of copies and your client release letter.

What are the fees?

Preliminary entry fees are \$225 for member firms and \$300 for the final submission. If you have multiple entries, please send one check.

What should I know about the Endorsement Release Letter?

The Endorsement release letter takes time to obtain so do not wait until the last minute to get the letter. If ACEC New York does not have the release letter by the due date the project will not be advanced to judging. We can accept faxes and pdf files of the letter.

Who sees the Project Description and the Executive Summary and what are they used for?

These items are seen by the moderators and tell the story of your project. Your submission notebook bullets each item that these papers should address. It is important to address each bulleted item. The moderators will receive these documents in advance of the judging and they will prepare their remarks based on them.

Who are the moderators?

Moderators are professional engineers who volunteer to present your project to the panel of judges. The moderator is not associated with the project in any way. The moderator usually has experience in the type of engineering category that the project is entered in. In advance of the judging the Moderators receive a copy of the written and visual materials. Many times moderators are ACEC New York Board Members, EEA Committee members and past presidents.

Why do you need a color laser reproduction of the entry panel?

We use the color laser reproduction of your entry panel during the judging event. As the moderator is presenting your project to the judges your panel is projected on the screen. ACEC New York Staff will black out the firm information on the bottom right corner of your panel.

What are the 5 different photos used for?

The photos are used for many things: (We ask that you use high resolution photos)

- *During the judging process the actual photos are handed to the judges while they are listening to the moderator describe the project.*
- *Photos of the Platinum and Gold winners are used in the video that is played during the awards dinner.*
- *Photos may be used in the Engineering Excellence Dinner Dance Program that is distributed the night of the event, or for print pieces on the association, the EEA program or general engineering pieces.*

Who are the Judges?

Judges are distinguished individuals that include military, government officials, presidents of related organizations, members of the engineering press and educators. Judges names are kept confidential until the award letters are released.

What is the best way to prepare a good entry panel?

The panel text and photos should demonstrate the challenges and solutions and uniqueness of key project elements. The panel should be prepared with high quality photos and graphics with minimum text (250 words max). A minimum of six photos and graphics should be used. A background photo is not considered one of the six photos. Text should be a minimum of 32pt. type for text or descriptions and 28 type for captions and graphics. Avoid: Small type and too much type. Make sure your visuals are clear. The best panels are panels that correspond with the written material. Included in your submission notebook is a list of vendors who can help you with your entry panel if you need it. (Last year's Best Panel Award winner follows at the end of this document)

When is the Judging?

Judging is scheduled for October 27th in New York City.

How are we notified of our awards?

Firms will be notified by letter of their award level in November. There are four award levels: diamond, platinum, gold and silver. We ask that you keep the information about your awards confidential until ACEC New York issues its press release mid March.

How is the panel used?

An image of the panel is projected during the judging, as the moderators are presenting the project information to the judges. The night of the dinner dance the panels are on display during the reception.

How many Award Plaques will I receive?

Each project entered receives two 9x12 plaques. One plaque for the firm, and the other to present to your client. Additional plaques can be ordered

When is the Awards Dinner?

The Awards Dinner is Saturday, March 26, 2011 at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

If you have any further questions, please contact gina@acecny.org

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