

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES/MARYLAND

# 2009

ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE  
AWARDS COMPETITION  
PRELIMINARY PHASE

## ELIGIBILITY

Any firm engaged in the private practice of consulting engineering or land surveying is eligible to enter the awards program whether or not the firm is an ACEC member. Engineering or surveying achievements that have won awards in other state or national organizations' design awards programs may be entered. Projects entered in the competition may have been executed anywhere in the world. Research and Studies (Category A) or Surveying and Mapping projects (Category D) must have been publicly disclosed by the client between November 1, 2006 and October 31, 2008. Construction of projects (Categories B through K – with the exception of D) must have been substantially completed and ready for use between November 1, 2006 and October 31, 2008.

## GENERAL CRITERIA

Both member and nonmember engineering firms may submit entries for consideration in the "preliminary" phase of the Engineering Excellence Awards competition. Only those entries qualified in the preliminary phase will be eligible for submission in the ACEC/MD awards program and the ACEC national competition. Entries may deal with any one of the 11 categories. For additional details concerning the categories, see the ACEC entry form available at [www.acec.org](http://www.acec.org). The entering firm must select one category, which is most appropriate, in which it wishes to compete. A project may be entered only once in a particular category. However, after a project entered in Category A has been constructed, it may be entered in another year in B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J or K in the year when eligible.

Each entry submitted in the preliminary phase must follow the guidelines described below in How to Submit an Entry. Entries qualified by the judges for submission in the awards program must follow the additional guidelines as specified in the ACEC Engineering Excellence brochure. A panel is not required in the ACEC/MD competition, although it is encouraged in order to provide additional publicity for the firm's project. Also, the ACEC/MD program will not require the "official notebook". Firms may organize their entry for the ACEC/MD awards program, when advised, in any format they choose.

## HOW TO SUBMIT AN ENTRY

Entry must be submitted to the ACEC/MD office, no later than **September 22, 2008**, and shall include:

1. the ACEC/MD entry form;
2. one copy of an Executive Summary, not to exceed one page - 8.5" x 11" with 1" side margins; minimum 12pt. type, double spaced, describing the problem, and the solution; and
3. one copy of a Press Release (up to two pages, double spaced) clearly and concisely describing the project and the entrant's participation in the project, reflecting on factors listed in Item #4 of the ACEC submission requirements ([www.acec.org](http://www.acec.org)). In addition, point out the value of the project to the community, identify the number of people served, cost savings, etc. No reference to other awards should be included in the submitted materials.

## JUDGING

Entries will be judged in the preliminary phase of the awards program on the written description of the project as outlined in the How to Submit an Entry section described above. The entry will be judged on the basis of the work performed by the entering firm only and according to the rating guidelines listed in the ACEC brochure. Due to the increasing popularity of this competition, at the discretion of the judges, ACEC/MD will once again award winners in categories that are loosely aligned with the categories in the ACEC national competition. This year's competition will also feature a new Energy category.

### ACEC'S CATEGORIES

- A. *Studies, Research, and Consulting Engineering Services*
- B. *Building/Technology Systems*
- C. *Structural Systems*
- D. *Surveying/Mapping Technology*
- E. *Environmental*
- F. *Water and Wastewater*
- G. *Water Resources*
- H. *Transportation*
- I. *Special Projects*
- J. *Small Projects*
- K. *Energy*

*(Refer to the ACEC entry form for a description of what projects are to be included in each category.)*

