

2025 ABC of Oklahoma Excellence in Construction Award Requirements and Instructions *Preliminary Entry Details*



The Oklahoma Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors invites your company to enter its best projects in the ABC of Oklahoma Excellence in Construction Awards competition.

Recognizing Excellence in Merit Shop Construction

ABC's Excellence in Construction Awards are designed to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our general and specialty contractors. Your company has the opportunity to compete for honors in the commercial construction industry's premier annual awards program recognizing the outstanding construction projects of the year.

All award winners will be recognized at the awards celebration on Thursday, November 6th at the Osage Casino Hotel Skyline Event Center. All winners will be recognized in a special edition of *The Advantage* magazine and on the ABC of Oklahoma website. All chapter winners will automatically be qualified to enter the ABC National Excellence in Construction awards program where the winning projects will be honored at the association's National Awards celebration in March 19, 2026 in Salt Lake City.

Judging:

A panel of judges representing a cross section of the industry will select our winners. Judges will evaluate entries based on the material submitted and will consider factors such as attractiveness of design, complexity, workmanship, innovation, safety, unusual challenges or problems overcome, etc. No member or staff of Associated Builders & Contractors of Oklahoma will participate as judges.

ABC Membership Required:

Only 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. If the majority partner is an ABC member but not all partners are ABC members, only the majority contractor is eligible to enter.

Eligibility:

Only ABC general contractor or subcontractor members in good standing of Associated Builders & Contractors of Oklahoma are eligible to enter. Only projects completed between October 16, 2024 through October 15, 2025 are eligible. The date on the Certificate of Substantial Completion shall determine the project's completion. There is no geographic limitation on the location of any project entered.

Owner's written approval for projects to be entered and judged should be obtained in advance.

The Awards Committee reserves the right to re-categorize and /or disqualify any entry for cause. An entry will be disqualified if all requirements are not met. No project with a safety-related fatality is eligible to be considered for an award.

Safety Policy:

A company that experiences a safety-related fatality of a direct employee in the United States within the current program year (Oct. 16, 2024-Oct. 15, 2025) 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 application process until the time of the awards program. Such a fatality will nullify the EIC award.

No project that involves prime, multi-prime or sub-trade contractors with a safety-related fatality is eligible to be considered for an award.

If there is a question regarding eligibility, the applicant may request clarification from the ABC of Oklahoma by emailing btaylor@abcokla.org prior to submission of the project.

Entry Steps & Requirements

REQUIREMENT 1 - Preliminary Entry Form

Submit the Preliminary Entry Form with registration fee of \$200 per entry by **July 7, 2025**. Each entry will require a separate entry form and registration fee (copies should be made for multiple entries). This is NOT your official entry and is for the purpose of determining the number of entry binders needed. Important note: the \$200 application fee per entry is non-refundable. Be sure to review the application criteria and eligibility prior to entering your submission.

REQUIREMENT 2 - Official Entry Binder

ABC of Oklahoma will provide an Official Entry Binder for each Preliminary Entry Form received. This binder must be used for the Official Entry. The Official Entry Binders may be picked up from ABC of Oklahoma on **July 11, 2025**. All entries must be submitted in the three-ring binder with tabs provided by ABC of Oklahoma. Label all binders but do not wrap the binders or otherwise change/restrict the binder where it cannot be re-labeled. Each entry has a possible score of 100 points.

REQUIREMENT 3 - Official Entry

Dates, deadlines and entry steps/requirements are on the EIC Entry webpage at www.abcokla.org, under the **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT** tab click **Excellence in Construction** and **EIC Entry**. Go to this webpage to print detailed information for your entries. Return the Official Entry Binder no later than close of business on **August 11, 2025** to ABC of Oklahoma.

Start thinking about your narrative now. Enlist the project manager, superintendent or other on-site personnel to help write this. Start taking photographs of the project, or hire a professional photographer to take pictures of the project. Analyze each photo submitted for any possible safety violations.

Award Winners

All applicants will receive an email detailing the results.

Upon winning an award, notify and invite other members of the project team (owner, architect, subcontractors, etc.) to participate in the awards ceremony.

Winning contractors will be provided the opportunity to honor those you feel worthy (owner, architect, other contractors, lead project staff, etc.) with a smaller replica of the Eagle Award. Winners will also be given the opportunity to honor onsite/field individuals who worked on the project.

Make your reservations for the ABC of Oklahoma Excellence in Construction Awards Banquet to be held

**Thursday, November 6, 2025 at the
Osage Casino Hotel Skyline
Event Center.**

**EXCELLENCE IN
CONSTRUCTION
Awards
BANQUET 2025**



General Contractors or Construction Managers

Project Award Category Descriptions

Projects with members performing as general contractors or construction managers:

Mega-Projects includes all projects more than \$100 million, regardless of type, whether General Contractor or Construction Management.

Commercial includes office buildings, banks, retail facilities, hotels or mixed use buildings.

Community / Public Service includes philanthropic projects, regardless of type, that enhanced the community, using substantial resources donated by the contractor. Entries should include information detailing the donated resources.

Federal Government / Military includes all projects owned by the Federal Government, with the exception of transportation infrastructure and utilities.

Health Care hospitals, assisted living, nursing homes and other licensed medical facilities.

Historical Restoration / Renovation restoration of buildings that are registered as historical, or are eligible to be registered as historical, on a state or the national registry of historic places.

Industrial category covers manufacturing plants and facilities, refineries and similar types of construction.

Infrastructure - Heavy covers projects streets or highways, dams, bridges and parks.

Institutional covers buildings built for colleges, elementary or secondary schools, churches, local government structures; with the exception of healthcare facilities.

Pre-Engineered Building encompasses commercial, industrial and institutional building projects where the primary structure is a pre-engineered metal building. Previous winners include an indoor skating complex, a boat manufacturing plant and an office/warehouse facility. Entries should include information regarding the extent of the project this is pre-engineered (i.e. are there conventional components or portions of the building?) The contractors role on the project (i.e. supply and erect steel, general contractor or design/builder) and why a pre-engineered building was utilized.

Public Works / Environment covers water treatment plants and sewage treatment plants.

Renovation includes the renovation or restoration of non-historical, existing buildings with more than 50 percent of square footage that has been renovated or restored.

Residential covers single-family homes and multi-family projects and condominiums, including independent living retirement communities.

Special Projects includes construction not specifically referred to in the above, such as theme parks, skate parks, water parks, zoos, and other unique types of projects.

EACH PROJECT MAY ONLY BE ENTERED INTO ONE CATEGORY OF COMPLETION.

Categories will be broken down into dollar amounts on the Official Entry Form in the Official Entry Binder.

Specialty Contractors

Project Award Category Descriptions

Projects with members performing as specialty contractors:

Community / Public Service includes philanthropic projects, regardless of type, that enhanced the community, using substantial resources donated by the contractor. Entries should include information detailing the donated resources.

Electrical - Commercial includes electrical systems in a facility built for the benefit of people comfort and occupancy such as: office buildings, hospitals, schools, shopping centers, call centers, multi-family residential, hotels, convention centers, fountain features in a commercial facility, sports arena and stadium, fire or security alarms, parking lots, medical laboratories or renovation in an existing facility.

Electrical - Industrial includes electrical systems built for the purpose of facilitating processes or manufacturing. Examples are manufacturing plants, processing plants, clean rooms, data centers, printing and processing centers, airports, animal facilities or electrical renovation in an existing industrial facility.

Exterior includes masonry, precast and stone.

Exterior Finishes includes all other finishes not specifically referred to in the prior category.

Interior Acoustical, drywall, millwork or plaster.

Interior Finishes includes all other interior finishes not specifically referred to in the prior category.

Mechanical - Commercial includes mechanical systems in a facility built for the benefit of people comfort and occupancy such as office buildings, hospitals, schools, shopping centers, call centers, multi-family residential, hotels, convention centers, fountain features in a commercial facility, sports arenas and stadiums, medical laboratories or mechanical renovation in an existing commercial facility.

Mechanical - Industrial includes mechanical systems built for the purpose of facilitating processes or manufacturing. Examples are manufacturing plants, processing plants, clean rooms, data centers, printing and processing centers, animal facilities or mechanical renovation in an existing industrial facility.

Sitework / Landscape / Hardscape covers interior or exterior landscaping and parking lots.

Specialty Construction covers construction not specifically referred to in the above specialty categories, such as roofing, fountain features or artistic scaffolding.

EACH PROJECT MAY ONLY BE ENTERED INTO ONE CATEGORY OF COMPLETION.

Categories will be broken down into dollar amounts on the Official Entry Form in the Official Entry Binder.

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Preliminary Entry Form - return no later than July 7

Return the Preliminary Entry Form, along with check for \$200 per entry to ABC of Oklahoma, no later than July 7. Select ONE category below - no refunds. For more info go to www.abcokla.org, Business Development, Excellence in Construction, EIC Entry.

Contractor Firm Entering the Project

Contact Person for Questions Regarding this Application

Name of Project

Total Value of your Contract Amount on this Project

Project Location (City / State)

Project Owner

Categories for General Contracting & Construction Management

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mega-Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works / Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Renovation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community / Public Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure: Heavy | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government / Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HealthCare | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-engineered Building | |

Categories for Specialty Contracting

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community / Public Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Exteriors | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical: Commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical: Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Finishes | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical: Industrial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical: Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Interiors | <input type="checkbox"/> Sitework/Landscape/Hardscape |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior Finishes | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Construction |

Descriptions of each category are in the Preliminary Entry Details. Categories will be broken down into dollar amounts on the Official Entry Form in the Official Entry Binder.

The Preliminary Entry Form must be received by ABC of Oklahoma no later than July 7th.

Mail to: ABC of Oklahoma - 1915 N. Yellowwood Ave. - Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Email to: Becky Taylor at btaylor@abcokla.org

Questions or entry information? Call ABC at (918) 254-8707 or email btaylor@abcokla.org.