

2026 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, October 29th 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 10, 2027 in Denver.

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, 2025 through October 15, 2026 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, 2025 - Oct. 15, 2026) 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 6, 2026**. 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

This year ABC has implemented changes to the entry process. ABC of Oklahoma will send a link to the fillable Official Entry by **July 10, 2026**. Each entry must be submitted on a separate USB drive with folders specified by ABC of Oklahoma. Label all USB drives with the company name and project name. 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 see detailed information for your entries. Return the Official Entry on a USB drive no later than close of business on **August 10, 2026** 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 announcing 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, October 29, 2026 at the Osage Casino Hotel Skyline Event Center.**

**EXCELLENCE IN
CONSTRUCTION
Awards
BANQUET 2026**



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 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 contractor's 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 arenas and stadiums, 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, stone and all other exterior finishes.

Interior Areas to include but not limited to are as follows: metal stud and gypsum, ceiling finishes, painting and wall coverings, other wall finishes and flooring. It is our intent to award based on degree of complexity and high-end finishes showcasing the abilities.

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.

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