

TIPS FOR POTENTIAL WINNERS

Important Information

- The following information applies to AWCI's Awards Program for 2025, and to only the Excellence in Construction Quality and Safety Awards. It is current as of April 22, 2024.
- The judges of the Excellence in Construction Quality Awards are members of the AWCI Industry Awards Committee, all member contractors. The judges of the Excellence in Construction Safety Awards are selected by the AWCI Safety Directors Committee, all safety professionals at member contracting companies.

While the judges do their best to be objective and fair, we don't want to make it easy for them to identify a possible friend or friendly competitor when reviewing the nomination information. Therefore, it is important that essay answers and photos do not mention or show the contractor's company name. Anonymity is key.

The only exception to this rule is safety award photos, which are not presented to the judges and can show the nominee's company brand. Safety photos are used to create the winners' videos and for possible use in AWCI's Construction Dimensions.

- In essay answers, instead of using your company name, use "our company," "Company X" or some other generic phrase.
- Also, do not include the names of the people in your company. Instead, use their titles. For example, "Our project manager says, 'Our safety program is one of the reasons I have been with the company for 14 years."

(Note: Identifying information that is required, such as the contact person's details and company name at the beginning of the form, is used by AWCI staff and is not shown to the judges.)

Excellence in Construction Quality Awards

ELIGIBILITY

- The project team consists of the AWCI member contractor(s), manufacturers and suppliers/distributors.
- The project must be at least 90% finished within the last 24 months of the application submission.
- The project may be commercial or residential (other options are available), and of any size and location.
- Only one nomination per company location is allowed per award category.
- A project may win only one category if nominated in multiple categories.

NEW FOR 2025

- The Stucco and Interior Plaster categories have been combined into a new category, Plaster & Stucco.
- A company cannot win more than two awards.
 - Example: ABC Contractors has three offices in Georgia (or in three different states), and all have similar names. All three submit a nomination, but only two can win. If this happens, the two that win will be the two with the highest scores.
- A company can submit the same project in two different categories, but the essay questions must be answered based on the chosen categories, where applicable. In other words, if Project XYZ is entered into the Drywall and Small Projects categories, Project XYZ's essay answers must apply to drywall and small projects. Do not use the same answers for both categories.
- Answers to essay questions are now limited to 200 words.

PHOTOGRAPHY SUBMISSIONS

• To maintain anonymity, do not included branded items such as your company name/logo on hard hats, cloth-



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ing, trucks, etc. in the photos that you submit. Photos that do not adhere to this directive will not be presented to the judges.

- Be sure to include photos that show "what is behind the finished wall" as well as finished or near-finished photos of the nominated project.
- Do not submit artist's renderings of the nominated projects.
- Before submitting photos, be sure to check that they show no safety violations. *Photos that depict safety violations or potential safety violations will not be presented to the judges.*

Excellence in Construction Safety Awards

ELIGIBILITY

- All AWCI contractor members in good standing are eligible to apply for AWCI's safety award except for those that have had a fatality since Dec. 31, 2022, or that have had a willful citation (final verdict) since Dec. 31, 2021.
 - All applications must include the following:
 - A completed application.
 - Your company-wide 2023 OSHA Form 300A.
 - A copy of your company's corporate safety and health program table of contents/outline (if one exists).

TIP

• Make sure the numbers that are reported on the nomination form match the numbers on your OSHA Form 300A. *If* the numbers do not match, at best you will receive a call from AWCI's safety staff, and at worst your company will be disqualified.

Get Started!

Website: awci.awardsplatform.com

After the program opens in May, visit the website for more information and nomination forms.

Good luck!