



## THE 2009 ACE AWARDS **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The **ACE Awards** program is open to all member firms in good standing of the AGC of Colorado, including general contractors, subcontractors, and associate members, for projects within the State of Colorado. For joint ventures, all members of the joint venture, or the joint venture itself, or the managing partner and at least 50 percent of the joint venture partnership, must be member(s) of the **AGC of Colorado**.

**Projects completed or substantially completed between October 1, 2008, and September 15, 2009, are eligible for the 2009 awards program.** A firm may enter more than one entry in a category; however, the same project may not be submitted in more than one category. Each entry will need its own completed entry package.

**All entries shall be received at: AGC of Colorado, 1114 West 7th Avenue, Suite 200, Denver, Colorado 80204, no later than 5 pm, Tuesday, September 15, 2009.** Each entry must include the following items:

- Payment of Entry Fee - \$250
- Master Entry Form – to be attached to the 3 page written narrative
- 3 page written narrative of the project/entry (1 paper copy and 1 submitted on a CD in Word format)
- Six 8" x 10" **single image photographs** to be used in judging
- One 11" x 14" photograph (multiple images, collages are allowed), to be used for presentation at the ACE Preview Luncheon and the ACE Awards Banquet. This photo will be matted and framed by the ACE Awards Committee and will be returned to the member after the Awards Banquet.
- A second CD to include up to 15 photographs, including a digital file of the 11" x 14" photo. These photos will be used during the visual presentation at the Awards Banquet and are not part of the judging.
- A printed proof sheet of the photographs included on the CD.
- If copyrighted materials are included in the entry, a written consent of the photographer or writer allowing AGC of Colorado to use the materials for the promotion and presentation of the program.

**The written narrative of the entry** should be no more than 3 typed pages, double-spaced, with 1" margins, and a maximum of 23 lines per page. A copy of the narrative shall be submitted on a CD in Word format and should have labels indicating the category, project name, and firm name. The narrative must address the various elements reflected in "Element Requirements" for each category, as judging will be based, in part, on each of the elements.

**Each of the six individual 8" x 10 photographs** should have a label indicating the category, project name, and firm name. The label on each of the photographs should indicate the order that the six are to be shown to the judges.

**Digital image files** must be no smaller than 800 pixels wide by 600 pixels high. Vertical images should have non-image areas set to black. Digital files must be in RGB color mode at 72dpi (NOT CMYK). The images must be in a TIFF format. Label this photo CD with the category, project name, and firm name.

Please inform the ACE Committee if any information submitted in your entry is confidential. Members should not submit originals or indispensable copies of photographs or documents.

Judging of entries will be by a panel of judges from the public or private sector allied with the construction industry.

**All entries will be judged for excellence in construction techniques.**

Entries not in compliance with these rules, as determined by the ACE Awards Committee, may not be considered. All decisions of the ACE Awards Committee and judges are final.



## THE 2009 ACE AWARDS CATEGORIES OF SUBMISSION

**Element Requirements for Category 1: Contribution to the Community.** Company and employee participation in civic affairs and/or donation of manpower for community projects. Elements shall include special needs met; impact to the community; historical or long-range value to the community; and visual presentation. For this category, multiple AGC of Colorado members who actively participated in the project may jointly submit an entry.

**Element Requirements for Categories 2-3:** Managing a project successfully under one or more major obstacles or unusual or hazardous conditions to be overcome, in order to have the project reach completion. Such major obstacles or conditions may include, but not be limited to, time-factors, schedules, unforeseen job conditions, codes or weather. Elements shall include a project description (special problems or obstacles encountered); solution of special problems; innovative use of manpower, equipment, or materials in solving the problems; how safety was viewed as an integral part of the project by providing an overview of the implementation of your firm's safety plan and commitment to safety; and visual presentation.

**2. Meeting the Challenge of a Difficult Job - Subcontractor    3. Meeting the Challenge of a Difficult Job - General Contractor**

**Element Requirements for Category 4: Design/Build - Subcontractor (All Projects).** Project must be performed under a design/build contract with a general contractor or construction manager where there is a single-source contract between the prime design/build contractor and the direct owner/end user; or where the subcontractor performs under a design/build contract with the direct owner/end user. The subcontractor must be totally contractually responsible and liable for the design and construction activities relative to their specific discipline.

**Elements shall include:** why the project should be considered for an ACE Award; a description, which may include architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing aspects as they apply to the submittal; a description of the design/build entity and contractual relationships (use organizational chart, if desired, which will not be counted toward the three page limit); a description of the design/build contract format and level of risk assumption, including information on when cost and schedule were guaranteed in the process; a description of the complexity and challenges of the project, and how the design/build team had solutions to the challenges; how safety was viewed as an integral part of the project by providing an overview of the implementation of your firm's safety plan and commitment to safety; procedures implemented to promote job-site cooperation; and visual presentation.

**Element Requirements for Category 5: Design/Build - Prime Contractor (All Projects).** Project must be performed under a single-source contract between the prime design/build contractor and the direct owner/end user. The prime design/build contractor must be totally contractually responsible and liable for the design and construction activities.

**Elements shall include:** why the project should be considered for an ACE Award; a description, which may include architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing aspects as they apply to the submittal; a description of the design/build entity and contractual relationships (use organizational chart, if desired, which will not be counted toward the three page limit); a description of the design/build contract format and level of risk assumption, including information on when cost and schedule were guaranteed in the process; a description of the complexity and challenges of the project, and how the design/build team had solutions to the challenges; how safety was viewed as an integral part of the project by providing an overview of the implementation of a safety plan and commitment to safety; procedures implemented to promote job-site cooperation; and visual presentation.

### **Element Requirements for Category 6: Sustainable Project of the Year**

This award recognizes a prime contractor's contribution to a project that minimizes the impact of the building and the construction process on the environment and provides a healthy space for workers and occupants. Multiple AGC of Colorado members may jointly submit for this category award.

**Elements shall include:** Contractor's contribution to the design, construction, or certification process; minimize or reduce the impact of the building and construction process on the site and the environment; provide a safe and healthy environment for workers and occupants; educate the project team, subcontractors, occupants or community on sustainable building practices; and visual presentation.

**Element Requirements for Categories 7-15:** Elements shall include an overview statement about the project (why the project should be considered for an ACE Award); efficient execution of construction type; complexity or uniqueness of construction; innovative use of manpower, equipment, or materials; solution of special problems; how safety was viewed as an integral part of the project by providing an overview of the implementation of your firm's safety plan and commitment to safety; procedures implemented to promote job-site cooperation; and visual presentation.

**7. Project of the Year - Subcontractor (Under \$2 Million)**

**8. Project of the Year - Subcontractor (\$2-\$6 Million)**

**9. Project of the Year - Subcontractor (\$6-\$10 Million)**

**10. Project of the Year - Subcontractor (Over \$10 Million)**

**11. Project of the Year - Prime Contractor (Under \$5 Million)**

**12. Project of the Year - General Contractor (\$5-\$15 Million)**

**13. Project of the Year - General Contractor (\$15-\$30 Million)**

**14. Project of the Year - General Contractor (\$30-\$60 Million)**

**15. Project of the Year - General Contractor (Over \$60 Million)**



# SUSTAINABLE PROJECT OF THE YEAR

## EXPLANATORY NARRATIVE

The **Sustainable Project of the Year** is a **NEW ACE AWARD CATEGORY** for the AGC of Colorado and deserves some explanation.

The intent of this award is to recognize a prime contractor's contribution to a "Sustainable" or "Green Building" project. This is not a design competition, and the highlighting of design features of a project in an award submittal will not by itself gain favor of the judges. The contractor needs to show specific effort and contributions to the design process, construction process, or certification process of a green building organization such as the US Green Building Council (USGBC). The level of certification issued from such an organization, such as LEED Gold or Platinum, does not in and of itself guarantee high marks, in fact it is possible to score high on a project that is not certified at all. Again this award is about the contractors understanding and application of sustainable building practices to a project.

Standards for sustainable building practices have been set by such organizations and programs as Energy Star; USGBC LEED, Green Globes, the AIA Committee on the Environment, the EPA, and ASHRAE and may be consulted at their individual websites. Submittals using strategies and technologies identified by these organizations are encouraged. Creativity is also encouraged.

To help understand the categories of evaluation criteria and targeted project contributions, we give the following submittal examples.

### **Contribution to the Process**

- Contributions to the integration of design
- Suggestion or research of new sustainable materials or systems
- Taking a leading role in a certification process
- Bringing valuable resources, such as knowledgeable subcontractors or vendors, to the design process
- Finding low-cost alternate solutions to necessary items that allow more costly, but environmentally beneficial options (e.g., energy efficiency), to be utilized
- Finding a local manufacturer to add or modify a current product or service to meet the project requirements that previously had not been available in the region

### **Environmental Impact of Buildings and the Construction Process**

- Location and control of office and staging areas
- Minimizing the impact of site disturbance through the selection of non-evasive equipment (e.g., boring vs. trenching)
- Limiting the removal of vegetation or stockpiling of topsoil
- Finding unknown local sources of materials
- Working with manufacturers to increase the recycled content of a product
- Maximizing the efficiency of material deliveries (e.g., full containers or trailers)
- Providing creative pollution solutions not required by the building codes or local jurisdictions (over and above)
- Demolition materials were reused on the project
- High rate of construction waste diversion
- On-site renewable energy used for construction
- Carbon off-set of construction energy
- Use of biodiesel fuel by site and delivery vehicles
- Construction wastewater was captured and reused for air pollution (dust) control
- Energy conservation from fluorescent temporary lighting, off-peak scheduling of energy intensive activities, or programmable thermostats in site trailers.



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### **Education**

- Providing green building education for subcontractors bidding on the project
- Providing building tours for local residents or students
- Providing educational materials to the permanent occupants of the building on the sustainable features of the materials or systems installed
- New sustainable company policies or procedures have been put in place as a result of the learning process of this project
- Green building “lessons learned” from the project were published and distributed to an industry organization or the public

### **Safety and Indoor Air Quality**

- Low jobsite incident rate
- No lost time or major injuries due to safety or indoor air quality
- An indoor air quality plan was developed and carried out for the project following the ASHRAE Best Practices
- Proper ventilation was provided for the workers throughout the entire project
- All moisture absorbing materials were properly protected or stored off site
- Only Low VOC paints, sealers, and adhesives were used on the project
- Smoking was not allowed in enclosed spaces (e.g., building under construction, jobsite offices and where allowed by law)
- A final “flush-out” was performed at the end of the construction process
- Green cleaning practices were used on the project

### **Visual Presentation**

- Communication of the sustainable building practices listed above through the visual presentation



# THE 2009 ACE AWARDS MASTER ENTRY FORM

Entry Deadline: **Tuesday, September 15, 2009**    Entry Fee: **\$250**

Category: **Circle One**

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| 1. Contribution to the Community                                  | 6. Sustainable Project of the Year<br>Prime Contractor <b>(NEW CATEGORY)</b> | 11. Project of the Year (Under \$5 Million)<br>Prime Contractor   |
| 2. Meeting the Challenge of a Difficult Job<br>Subcontractor      | 7. Project of the Year (Under \$2 Million)<br>Subcontractor                  | 12. Project of the Year (\$5-\$15 Million)<br>General Contractor  |
| 3. Meeting the Challenge of a Difficult Job<br>General Contractor | 8. Project of the Year (\$2-\$6 Million)<br>Subcontractor                    | 13. Project of the Year (\$15-\$30 Million)<br>General Contractor |
| 4. Design/Build (All Projects)<br>Subcontractor                   | 9. Project of the Year (\$6-\$10 Million)<br>Subcontractor                   | 14. Project of the Year (\$30-\$60 Million)<br>General Contractor |
| 5. Design/Build (All Projects)<br>Prime Contractor                | 10. Project of the Year (Over \$10 Million)<br>Subcontractor                 | 15. Project of the Year (Over \$60 Million)<br>General Contractor |

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Project Name: (actual name to appear in all publicity)

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Firm Name

Contact

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Street Address

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City

State

Zip Code

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Telephone

Fax

E-Mail

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Project Owner

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General Contractor, if Subcontractor Entry

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Architect(s)

**For Multiple Entries:** Make copies of the MASTER ENTRY FORM and complete for each project.

Only one check for all entry fees needs to be submitted. Completion of this form serves as a disclaimer on confidentiality of information unless otherwise noted.

Please make check payable to: **AGC of Colorado.**

Attach the entry form for each project to the three-page written project description, and submit said written description on a CD, in Word format, along with photographs and photo CD.

The complete entry shall be delivered by 5 pm, **Tuesday, September 15, 2009**, to:  
**AGC of Colorado** . 1114 West 7th Avenue, Suite 200, Denver, Colorado 80204 . (303) 388-2422