



11th Annual

EXCELLENCE in CONCRETE PROJECT AWARD

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Officers of the Pittsburgh Area Chapter of ACI are pleased to announce the 11th annual Excellence in Concrete Project Awards. This award was established to recognize excellence in structural and architectural design; unique and innovative construction or application; and sustainable uses of concrete in construction projects in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio, and Northwest West Virginia.

ACI Pittsburgh will select one winner in up to two different categories:

1. **Low-Rise Buildings/Structures:** Up to three stories residential (multi-family and houses), school, commercial, warehouse and industrial, etc.
2. **Mid-Rise Buildings/Structures:** Four to fifteen stories
3. **High-Rise Buildings/Structures:** More than fifteen stories
4. **Decorative:** Decorative or architectural feature or element such as exterior or interior finishes, hardscapes, ornamentation, stained, stamped, or polished concrete, art installations, etc.
5. **Infrastructure:** Bridges, site structures, water resource structures, marine structures, other structures, etc.
6. **Flatwork:** Pavements, parking lots, runways, commercial/industrial floors, etc.
7. **Repair and Restoration:** overlays, rehabilitation, remodel, retrofitting, etc.



Photo from the 10th Annual Excellence in Concrete Project Award Winner New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc for the Bellwood Dam Modification project.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominations are accepted from any person(s) or firm(s) involved in a project utilizing Portland cement concrete as a significant portion of the project.

- Project can utilize any type of Portland cement concrete construction technique including tilt-up, pre-cast, and cast-in-place.
- Project can utilize any type of Portland cement concrete product including shotcrete, self consolidating concrete, roller compacted concrete, etc.
- Projects can be new construction, restoration, or repair.
- All projects must have been completed during the time

period from January 31, 2024 - January 31, 2026. Projects in phases are eligible at the completion of each phase, as well as at the time of completion of the overall project.

- Project must be located within the jurisdiction of the Pittsburgh Area ACI Chapter which includes Western PA, Eastern OH, and Northwest WV. If you are unsure whether your project location is in the jurisdiction, please contact Beth Rader at bethaci@zoominternet.net.

SUBMITTAL PROCESS

All entries must contain an entry form, technical data sheet, and narrative of the project with photographs in electronic form.

After the initial submittal process, entrants may be requested to provide further information for their project.

Printed submittals shall be mailed to Pittsburgh Area Chapter ACI, P.O. Box 86, Zelienople, PA 16063

Electronic submittals can be emailed to bethaci@zoominternet.net.

Deadline: February 28, 2026.



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Submittal Process Continued

Project Forms for Entry

1. Complete the official Entry Form indicating the project name, location, completion date, and contributors.
2. Complete the Technical Data Sheet to provide a quick overview of the technical details of the project.
3. Provide a Short Narrative of Project Highlights and Information.

Project Narrative

Your entry submitted to a panel of judges whose only opportunity to evaluate your project is through the pictures and narrative that you submit. The narrative is the instrument to make your project stand out for the judges. Your narrative should be as descriptive as possible and cover the complexity and uniqueness of the project. Use photographs or video to support and document your project at each stage of construction. Approximately 8-12 photographs are recommended and should include the construction process, finished project, and highlighted aspects. Photographs should be captioned, and of sufficient resolution to reproduce.

Suggestions on what to include for consideration in your narrative:

- General project description
- Detailed description of the portion(s) of the project using concrete products
- Design concept used for concrete members
- Degree of difficulty
- Special construction or scheduling challenges and solutions
- Special construction cost savings
- Innovative design and construction practices
- Aesthetic aspects
- Innovative use of concrete
- Ecological and environmental factors
- Sustainability
- Why should your project be considered for this award?

JUDGING

Submitted projects will be evaluated based on criteria in concert with the ACI International project awards and include the following:

- Architectural merit
- Engineering merit
- Creativity
- Innovative construction techniques or solutions
- Innovative use of materials
- Ingenuity
- Sustainability and resilience
- Functionality and end use suitability

AWARDS

The winning projects will receive recognition at the Pittsburgh Area Chapter ACI Annual Awards Banquet in April 2026. Additionally, winning projects will be acknowledged on the chapter website.

They will be assigned to a project category as deemed appropriate by the Chapter for submittal to the ACI National Excellence in Concrete Awards.



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ENTRY FORM

PROJECT NAME: _____

PROJECT LOCATION: _____

PROJECT COMPLETION DATE (JAN. 31, 2024 - JAN. 31, 2026): _____

Submitted by/Contact Information

Name: _____ Company: _____

Company Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Owner

Name: _____ Company: _____

Company Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Architect of Record

Name: _____ Company: _____

Company Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Engineer of Record

Name: _____ Company: _____

Company Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

General Contractor

Name: _____ Company: _____

Company Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Principal Concrete Supplier

Name: _____ Company: _____

Company Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Concrete Contractor

Name: _____ Company: _____

Company Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Other

Name: _____ Company: _____

Company Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Other

Name: _____ Company: _____

Company Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____



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EXCELLENCE in CONCRETE PROJECT AWARD TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

PROJECT NAME: _____

PROJECT LOCATION: _____

PROJECT COMPLETION DATE (JAN. 31, 2024 - JAN. 31, 2026): _____

Project Category: _____

Project Scope

Cost: _____

Size (area, dimensions, span): _____

Timeline (Start and Completion Dates): _____

Completion Incentives Offered/Earned?: _____

Concrete

Volume: _____

Strength Requirements: _____

Supplementary Cementitious Material Used: _____

Water-Cement Ratio: _____

Admixtures: _____

Aggregate: _____

Air: _____

Reinforcement: _____

Placement

Preparation: _____

Special Site Considerations/Controls needed: _____

Delivery Method: _____

Construction Method: _____

Finishing Techniques: _____

Curing Operations: _____

Unique Placement Challenges: _____

Quality Control

Methods for Oversight: _____

Results and or Corrective Actions Taken: _____



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EXCELLENCE in CONCRETE PROJECT AWARD PHOTO & DATA RELEASE FORM

PROJECT NAME: _____

PROJECT LOCATION: _____

PROJECT COMPLETION DATE (JAN. 31, 2024 - JAN. 31, 2026): _____

By submitting an entry, entrant takes full responsibility for the accuracy of all information submitted and warrants that all necessary permissions have been secured from others who may have rights to the work. Entrant further acknowledges that no royalty or compensation is due, holds the Pittsburgh Area Chapter-ACI, its sponsors, staff, consultants, and members harmless from all liability, and grants to ACI the non-exclusive right to publish, reproduce and distribute copies of the original entry including but not limited to all photographic and electronic images, sound and video recordings, data, and identifying information. Entrant further grants to the Pittsburgh Area Chapter-ACI, its representatives and employees the right to take photographs of entrant and entrant's property in connection with entrant's submission.

Entrant authorizes the Pittsburgh Area Chapter-ACI to use and publish any or all of the above-mentioned materials in print and/or electronically. Entrant agrees that Pittsburgh Area Chapter-ACI may use such materials with or without entrant's name and organization name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

Entrant has read and understands the above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

