

# **AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERS**

## **NATIONAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR**

### **AWARDS**

ASHE National, in order to recognize the outstanding achievements of our member firms, has established National Project of the Year Awards. Projects submitted for consideration must be related to the field of transportation. Examples of eligible types of projects include highways, bridges, traffic signals, railroads, public transit and bikeways.

Two projects will be selected to receive an award. One project will be selected with a final construction cost of \$20 million or less and one project selected with a final construction project cost of over \$20 million.

The projects must have been substantially completed and open to the public by December 31 of the year prior to the award presentation at the next ASHE National Conference.

### **SUBMISSION PROCESS**

In the fall, the ASHE National Project of the Year Awards Committee (NPAC) solicits projects from all the ASHE Sections. Currently this is done by sending a solicitation email to each Section's secretary and president. The Sections then solicit projects from firms within their section.

Submissions may be made by the lead design firm, the prime contractor or the owner.

Organizations interested in being considered for these awards must submit their projects to their respective ASHE Section. The Sections then select a project and submit to their respective ASHE Region. The Region selects one project in each category and submits to ASHE National where the final selection is made.

## **SUBMISSIONS**

Every submission shall contain:

A narrative of the project not exceeding 1,500 words (single sided, 12 point font, 8 ½” by 11” pages); the narrative must address the six categories in the scoring and judging criteria shown below. Project construction costs must be provided.

Up to five (5) construction drawings on 11” by 17” sheets that are relative to the scoring and judging criteria.

Up to five (5) photos (maximum size 8 ½” by 11”) that are relative to the scoring and judging criteria; at least one of these photos from the winning entries will be displayed at the luncheon honoring Past Presidents in a slide presentation and in the ASHE National Annual Conference brochure and website.

Verification that the Owner has granted permission for the project to be submitted for a potential award, including publication of the project information and photos.

## **SCORING AND JUDGING CRITERIA**

Each Section and Region establishes their own criteria for selecting the projects to forward to National. However, most Sections and Regions have adopted the criteria used by National. The National panel of judges uses the following criteria:

25% Complexity

25% New Application of Existing Techniques / Originality / Innovation

15% Social / Economic Considerations

15% Safety

10% Aesthetics

10% Meeting or Exceeding Owner's / Clients Needs

While this is the current criteria, ASHE reserves the right to change any or all criteria.

A panel of judges is selected by the National Project of the Year Awards Committee. At least one judge from each active region is included. Currently, the judges are former ASHE National presidents, however, the NPAC reserves the right to solicit and select judges.

### **AWARD WINNING PROJECTS**

Each of the two winning project teams will receive the following:

Award presented to the Owner, Prime Designer and Prime Contractor at the annual ASHE National Conference during the luncheon honoring National Past Presidents. Additional awards for the project subconsultants and subcontractors may be purchased at cost.

An article about the project (with picture(s)), written by the winning team, will be published in the ASHE Scanner, ASHE's national magazine.

A photo and brief article of the project together with the names of the owner, designer and contractor will appear in the ASHE National Conference brochure and website.

Free admission to the luncheon honoring past ASHE National Presidents for up to three representatives from each of the winning teams.

The winning teams will have the opportunity to display an exhibit about their project on a 30" X 30" board at the Luncheon honoring Past President's at the ASHE National Conference.