



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERS NATIONAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

ASHE National, in order to recognize the outstanding achievements of our member firms, has established the National Project of the Year Award. Projects submitted for consideration must be related to the transportation field. 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 dollars or less.
- One project will be selected with a final construction cost of over \$20 million dollars.

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 ASHE Sections. A solicitation email is sent to each Section's leadership in the Fall of the year. The Sections then solicit projects from firms within their Section. The lead design firm, the prime contractor, or owner may make submissions.

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

SUBMISSION CRITERIA:

Every submission shall contain:

- A narrative of the project not exceeding 1,500 words (single sided, 12-point font, 8 ½ x 11" pages) the narrative must address the six categories in the scoring and judging criteria below. Project construction costs must be provided.
- Up to five (5) construction drawings on 11" x 17" sheets that are relative to the scoring and judging criteria.
- Up to five (5) photos (maximum size 8 ½ "x 11") that are relative to the scoring and judging criteria; at least one photo from the winning entries will be displayed in a slide presentation at the Past Presidents Luncheon and in the ASHE National 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 projects to forward to National. However, most Sections and Regions have adopted the criteria used by National. The ASHE 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

This is the current criteria; ASHE reserves the right to change any or all criteria.

The National Project of the Year Award Committee selects a panel of judges. There is at least one judge from each active Region. Currently, the judges are former ASHE National Presidents, however, 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 ASHE National Conference during the National Past President Luncheon. 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 *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.
- Complimentary admission to the National Past President Luncheon for up to three (3) representatives from each winning team.
- The winning teams will have the opportunity to display an exhibit about their project on a 30"x 30" board at the National Past President Luncheon held during the ASHE National Conference.