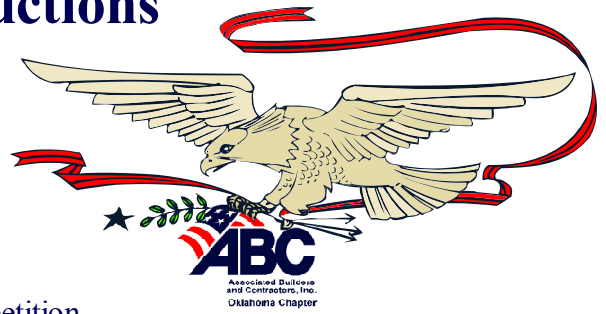


2014 ABC of Oklahoma Excellence in Construction Awards Requirements and Instructions *Preliminary Entry Form*

The Oklahoma Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors invites your company to enter its best projects in the 2014 ABC of Oklahoma Excellence in Construction Awards competition.

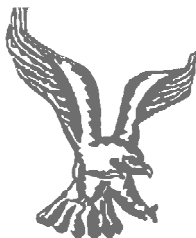


Recognizing Excellence in Merit Shop Construction

Now in its 28th year, the program is designed to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of ABC of Oklahoma general and specialty contractors. Your company has the opportunity to compete for honors in the commercial construction industry's premier annual awards program – the ABC of Oklahoma Excellence in Construction Awards competition – recognizing the outstanding construction projects of the year.

All award winners will be recognized at the October 23rd awards celebration at the Cox Business Center Ballroom (formerly Tulsa Convention Center). The ceremony will feature a multi-media presentation highlighting the Eagle award winners, and a printed program highlighting each award-winning project. All winners will be recognized in a special edition of *The Advantage* newsletter, on the ABC of Oklahoma website and a news release for Eagle Award winners will be distributed to local media outlets.

All chapter winners will automatically be qualified to enter the ABC National Excellence in Construction awards program where the winning projects will be honored at the association's National Awards celebration in March 2015 at the Broward Convention Center in Fort Lauderdale, FL.



JUDGING:

A panel of judges representing a cross section of the industry will select our winners. Judges will evaluate entries based on the material submitted and will consider factors such as attractiveness of design, complexity, workmanship, innovation, unusual challenges or problems overcome, etc. No contractor member or staff of Associated Builders & Contractors of Oklahoma will participate as judges.

PURPOSE:

The Associated Builders and Contractors of Oklahoma Excellence in Construction Awards are designed to recognize and publicize outstanding projects built by members of the association. This recognition will bring about a greater awareness in our area of the quality of work being produced by merit shop contractors. And, by calling attention to the “best of the best”, we hope to continue to raise standards throughout the construction industry.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any general contractor or subcontractor member in good standing of Associated Builders & Contractors of Oklahoma may enter. Only projects completed between September 19, 2013 through October 23, 2014 are eligible. The date on the Certificate of Substantial Completion shall determine the project's completion. There is no geographic limitation on the location of any project entered.

Owner's written approval for projects to be entered and judged should be obtained in advance.

The Awards Committee reserves the right to re-categorize and/or disqualify any entry for cause with proper notification to the contractor. An entry will be disqualified if all requirements are not met.

2014 Associated Builders & Contractors of Oklahoma Excellence in Construction Awards

Preliminary Entry Form



Return the Preliminary Entry Form, along with check for \$175 to ABC of Oklahoma, no later than July 25, 2014.
Select ONE category below. If submitting more than one entry, please copy this application form.

Contractor Firm Entering the Project

Contact Person for Questions Regarding this Application

Name of Project

Total Value of your Contract Amount on this Project

Project Location (City / State)

Project Owner

Categories for General Contracting & Construction Management

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mega-Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works / Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Renovation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community / Public Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure-Heavy | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government / Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Engineered Building | |

Categories for Specialty Contracting

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community / Public Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical - Industrial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical - Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Interior | <input type="checkbox"/> Sitework/Landscape/Hardscape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical - Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical - Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specialty Construction |

Categories will be broken down into dollar amounts on the Official Entry Form in the Official Entry Binder.

The Preliminary Entry Form must be received by ABC of Oklahoma no later than July 25th.

Mail to: ABC of Oklahoma - 1915 N. Yellowood Ave. - Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Fax to (918) 252-5949 - Email btaylor@abcokla.org

Questions or entry information? Call ABC at (918) 254-8707 or email btaylor@abcokla.org.

Projects with members performing as general contractors or construction managers:

Categories will be broken down into dollar amounts on the Official Entry Form in the Official Entry Binder.

Mega-Projects includes all projects more than \$100 million, regardless of type, whether General Contractor or Construction Management.

Commercial includes office buildings, banks, retail facilities, hotels or mixed use buildings.

Community/Public Service includes philanthropic projects, regardless of type, that enhanced the community, using substantial resources donated by the contractor. Entries should include information detailing the donated resources.

Federal Government/Military includes all projects owned by the Federal Government, with the exception of transportation infrastructure and utilities.

Healthcare hospitals, assisted living, nursing homes and other licensed medical facilities.

Historical Restoration covers restoration of buildings that are registered as historical, or are eligible to be registered as historical, on a state or the national registry of historic places.

Industrial category covers manufacturing plants and facilities, refineries and similar types of construction.

Infrastructure-Heavy covers projects streets or highways, dams, bridges and parks.

Institutional covers buildings built for colleges, elementary or secondary schools, churches, local government structures; with the exception of healthcare facilities.

Pre-Engineered Building encompasses commercial, industrial and institutional building projects where the primary structure is a pre-engineered metal building. Previous winners include an indoor skating complex, a boat manufacturing plant and an office/warehouse facility. Entries should include information regarding the extent of the project this is pre-engineered (i.e. are there conventional components or portions of the building?) The contractor's role on the project (i.e. supply and erect steel, general contractor or design/builder) and why a pre-engineered building was utilized.

Public Works/Environment covers water treatment plants and sewage treatment plants.

Renovation includes the renovation or restoration of non-historical, existing buildings with more than 50 percent of square footage that has been renovated or restored.

Residential covers single-family homes and multi-family projects and condominiums, including independent living retirement communities.

Other Construction includes construction not specifically referred to in the above, such as theme parks, skate parks, water parks, zoos, and other unique types of projects.

These are categories where members perform General Contracting or Construction Management. These include both ground-up construction and tenant finish. Each project may only be entered into one category of completion.

Projects with members performing as specialty contractors:

Categories will be broken down into dollar amounts on the Official Entry Form in the Official Entry Binder.

Community/Public Service includes philanthropic projects, regardless of type, that enhanced the community, using substantial resources donated by the contractor. Entries should include information detailing the donated resources.

Electrical - Commercial systems in a facility built for the benefit of people comfort and occupancy such as: office buildings, hospitals, schools, shopping centers, call centers, multi-family residential, hotels, convention centers, fountain features in a commercial facility, sports arena and stadia, fire or security alarms, parking lots, medical laboratories or renovation in an existing facility.

Electrical - Industrial systems in a facility built for the purpose of facilitating processes or manufacturing. Examples are manufacturing plants, processing plants, clean rooms, data centers, printing and processing centers, airports, animal facilities or electrical renovation in an existing industrial facility.

Exterior includes masonry, precast, stone and all other exterior finishes.

Interior Areas to include but not limited to are as follows: Metal stud and gypsum, Ceiling finishes, Painting and wall coverings, Other wall finishes and flooring. It is our intent to award based on degree of complexity and high end finishes showcasing the abilities

Mechanical - Commercial systems in a facility built for the benefit of people comfort and occupancy such as office buildings, hospitals, schools, shopping centers, call centers, multi-family residential, hotels, convention centers, fountain features in a commercial facility, sports arenas and stadiums, medical laboratories or mechanical renovation in an existing commercial facility.

Mechanical - Industrial systems in a facility built for the purpose of facilitating processes or manufacturing. Examples are manufacturing plants, processing plants, clean rooms, data centers, printing and processing centers, animal facilities or mechanical renovation in an existing industrial facility.

Sitework/Landscape/Hardscape covers interior or exterior landscaping and parking lots.

Other Specialty Construction covers construction not specifically referred to in the above specialty categories, such as roofing, fountain features or artistic scaffolding.

These are categories where members perform Specialty Contracting and are not acting as the general contractor or construction manager.

2014 ABC of Oklahoma Excellence in Construction Award Dates

- 1) Excellence in Construction 'How to Enter' Seminar at the ABC of Oklahoma Office on **June 24**.
- 2) Fax or mail the Preliminary Entry Form with registration fee of \$175 per entry by **July 25**.
- 3) Pick up the Official Entry Binder for each Preliminary Entry Form from ABC of Oklahoma on **August 1**.
- 4) Complete the final application requirements and assemble in the Official Entry Binder.
Return the Official Entry Binder by **August 22** to ABC of Oklahoma.
- 5) The Excellence in Construction Awards Banquet will be held **October 23** at the Cox Business Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Entry Steps & Requirements

FIRST - How to Enter Seminar (Optional)

ABC will host a 'How to Enter' Seminar at the ABC of Oklahoma Office on June 24, 2014. We will explain how to easily put together your entries and answer any questions. If you've ever wanted to enter but didn't know how - or if you've entered before and are looking for tips - this meeting is for you!

SECOND - Preliminary Entry Form

Fax or mail the Preliminary Entry Form with registration fee of \$175 per entry by **July 25, 2014**. Each entry will require a separate entry form and registration fee (copies should be made for multiple entries). This is NOT your official entry and is for the purpose of determining the number of binders each company needs.

THIRD - Official Entry

ABC of Oklahoma will provide an Official Entry Binder for each Preliminary Entry Form received. The Official Entry Binders may be picked up from ABC of Oklahoma on **August 1, 2014**. Below is a brief description of what is required for each entry so your company can start compiling information.

1. **Official entry form and Project Description.** The Official Entry Form is provided with the binder. Project Description is a paragraph (50 words maximum) describing what is special about your project that can be used if you are a winner of an Excellence in Construction Award.
2. **Narrative.** Narrative should include an overview, any innovative features, safety record, quality control, scheduling, etc.
3. **References.** Endorsements, third party comments. Owners and architects letter is preferred.

4. **Subcontractors and Suppliers.** List of all who worked on the project and highlight the ABC members (a list of current ABC of Oklahoma members is provided).
5. **Safety.** Safety Questionnaire about your company's safety program.
6. **Safety Training & Evaluation Process.** If your company is a Safety Training & Evaluation Process (STEP) award recipient for 2012 (received at the 2013 Awards Banquet), include a copy of the company certificate or letter.
7. **Accredited Quality Contractor.** If your company is designated as an ABC Accredited Quality Contractor (AQC), include a copy of the company certificate or renewal letter.
8. **Photos and Artwork.** Minimum of 5 photos, maximum of 10 photos and artwork of the company logo. Insert printed photos for judging and also provide electronic photos on disk. Electronic photos should be 8x10, 300 dpi or greater, .jpg or .tif files (not embedded in a program or collage).

Return the Official Entry Binder no later than close of business on **August 22, 2014** to ABC of Oklahoma.

FOURTH - Award Winners

Upon winning an award, notify and invite other members of the project team (owner, architect, subcontractors, etc.) to participate in the awards ceremony.

Winning contractors will be provided the opportunity to honor those you feel worthy (owner, architect, other contractors, lead project staff, etc.) with a smaller replica of the Eagle Award.

Make your reservations for the ABC of Oklahoma Excellence in Construction Awards Banquet to be held **October 23, 2014** at the Cox Business Center Ballroom.