

2008 Excellence In Concrete Awards

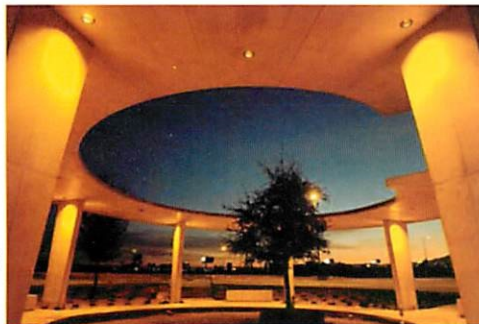
Call for Entries

About the Awards Program

The Excellence in Concrete Awards program was established to recognize excellence in structural and architectural design as well as the unique, innovative and sustainable uses of concrete in construction projects. The awards program is sponsored by the Las Vegas Chapter of the American Concrete Institute (ACI), a non-profit organization, whose purpose is the advancement of concrete technology through research and education.

Project Recognition

The Las Vegas Chapter of ACI will formally recognize your professional accomplishment at the 2008 Excellence in Concrete Awards Banquet. Project winners receive an attractive Excellence in Concrete Awards plaque which is presented to the engineer, contractor, architect, owner, concrete supplier, and concrete contractor for the project. Finalists are notified by invitation to attend the gala Excellence in Concrete Awards Banquet on October 16, 2008 at the Rio Hotel. All projects submitted will receive recognition at the awards banquet; however, winners are held confidential until the night of the event. The Las Vegas Chapter of ACI will recognize award winners in its newsletter, post them on the Chapter's website, and send press releases to local/national industry-related publications including the American Concrete Institute's *Concrete International* magazine.



2004 Recreational Award

Project Categories

The Awards Committee reserves the right to categorize projects based on the quantity and type of projects submitted. Project categories could include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Hotel/Casino
- ◆ Commercial
- ◆ Public Facility
- ◆ Infrastructure
- ◆ Industrial
- ◆ Recreational
- ◆ Parking Structures
- ◆ Tilt-Ups
- ◆ Utility
- ◆ Paving
- ◆ Mixed Use
- ◆ Residential/Multi
- ◆ Sustainable (LEED)
- ◆ Residential/Single

Judging

Submitted projects are evaluated by a panel of judges composed of local trade and professional association representatives, municipal representatives, and public works officials. The judges' decisions are based on your entry form, project narrative, technical data sheet, and photographs. The judges and the Awards Committee reserve the right to present special merit awards.

Elegibility

Nominations for an Excellence in Concrete Award are accepted from any person or firm involved in a project utilizing Portland cement concrete in

- All projects must have been completed during the time period from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007. Projects constructed in phases are eligible for competition at the completion of each phase as well as the time of completion of the overall project. For example, if a project consists of multiple buildings, it could be submitted upon completion of the first building.
- Project can utilize any type of Portland cement concrete construction technique including tilt-up, pre-cast, and cast-in-place.
- Projects utilizing any type of Portland cement concrete product can be submitted (i.e. shotcrete, self-consolidating concrete, roller compacted concrete, etc.)
- Projects can be new construction, restoration, or repair.
- The percentage of concrete used in the project is considered. As an example, a steel frame building may be acceptable provided a significant percentage of the project was built with concrete.
- All submitted material shall become the property of the Las Vegas Chapter ACI. The Chapter also reserves the right to publish submitted photographs and names of award recipients without providing compensation.

~ 2004 Major Project Award Winner



What to Submit

Project Narrative

Please provide a narrative of approximately 500 words describing your project. The Project Narrative can be in MS Word format or MS Powerpoint submitted on a CD or memory stick. The narrative should also reference the pictures you are submitting either by number (i.e. picture # 1) or by caption. The narrative should be free of company names or logos and should include some or all of the following:

- Creativity of structural and architectural design elements using concrete to achieve aesthetic, structural or other engineering objectives.
- Concrete's contribution to construction efficiency, construction speed, project economics or other considerations.
- Effective incorporation of concrete to achieve an environmental or sustainability rating.
- Overall project aesthetics - the role of concrete in achieving desired interior and exterior visual and structural elements.
- Unique solutions in making elements of the project possible by concrete design and construction.
- Complexity of project relative to locations, placement, constraints and expectations of project.

Technical Data Sheet

Please use this sheet to provide the judging panel with technical details about the project such as psi, number of yards of concrete used in project, special mix designs, etc.

Photographs

Please provide between 10 and 25 digital pictures of the project in JPEG format (minimum resolution of 640x480) submitted on a CD or memory stick. Please no zip files. Pictures should be numbered or captioned and included in your project narrative. A photographer's release form must accompany all submittal packages. Please keep all pictures free of company logos, names, and date stamps.

2004 Judges Choice Award Winner



A Successful Presentation

Your entry is submitted to a panel of judges whose only opportunity to evaluate your project is through the pictures and narrative that you submit. Pictures of the project throughout the entire construction process are preferred. Include pictures that show difficult or unusual placement, unique forming or special finishes. For the entry to present well, it is crucial that full consideration be given to lighting and composition of your photographs. Sometimes a project will show better in an evening picture that one taken during the day. Remember to include pictures of the completed project.



2004 Public Facility Award Winner

Your narrative is the instrument that can make your project shine for the judges. Keep the narrative focused on the concrete construction aspects of the project and use descriptive words to highlight your project. Creativity and detail in your project narrative will translate into a better presentation to the judges. You can view sample narratives at the Chapter's website www.earthlink.net.org. Click on the Awards tab and then the Sample Narrative tab.

Submittal Check List

- Project Nomination Form
- Project Narrative
- Photographs
- Technical Data Sheet
- Photographers Release Form

If you have any questions about the submittal process, please contact _____ at the _____ Chapter ACI office,

Deadline for Submission of Projects is May 30, 2008

Mail all materials to:
Chapter ACI ■ P.O. Box 35915

Email: _____@earthlink.net

Website: www.earthlink.net

Project Nomination Form

Project Name: _____ Submitted By: _____

Project Location: _____ Contact Phone #: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Owner Architect Engineer Ready Mix Supplier

Completion Date: _____ (January 06-December 07) Contractor Concrete Contractor

Owner: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Architect: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contractor: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Engineer: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Ready Mix Supplier: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Concrete Contractor: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Technical Data Sheet

Use this sheet to provide additional technical information about the concrete utilized for the project your are submitting. This sheet is provided to the judges along with the narrative during their review of all projects. If there are several unique aspects to the project (walls, flat-work, etc.) you may submit separate data sheets.

Project Name: _____

Project Address: _____

City: _____ Project Category: _____
(Filled in by Awards Committee)

Size of Project: _____ (cubic yards, square feet, etc.)

Concrete Strength Requirements: _____ (PSI) Water/Cement Ratio(s): _____

Unique or High Volume Admixtures: _____

Total LEED Points Attributed to Concrete Construction (If applicable): _____

Describe unique mix designs: _____

Describe unique specifications/requirements (flatness, color, etc): _____

Describe placement and/or scheduling challenges or unique techniques: _____

Describe any other special technical aspects of the concrete or how the use of concrete improved the construction or overall value of the project: _____