

Project Entry Requirements & Application Form

We invite you to enter your company's best projects in the 2027 ABC Arkansas Excellence in Construction Awards competition.

This celebration honors the state's most outstanding construction projects. Winning projects are then eligible for the ABC National competition.

Associated Builders and Contractors
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Program Overview

Your company has the opportunity to compete in the construction industry's premier awards program. The Excellence in Construction Awards recognizes outstanding merit shop projects through a variety of public relations efforts. Use this application as an intent to compete for an Eagle Award with your company's best project(s). Please fill out one application per project entry.

All Eagle winners will be recognized at the EIC Award Banquet on Friday, April 23, 2027 in Hot Springs. Full event details will be announced in January. The awards ceremony will feature a multi-media presentation highlighting the STEP Award recipients, Eagle Award winners and Legacy Award winners. Winners will also be promoted in various publications and releases through the regional construction-related news media.

Entry Requirements

Each entry must follow the entry requirements outlined in this award application.

Project Safety Requirements

A company that experiences a safety-related fatality of a direct employee in the United States within the current program year is NOT eligible for an Excellence in Construction Award. If a subsidiary is a direct ABC member versus part of a larger holding company member, then the subsidiary with a safety-related fatality is not eligible, but another subsidiary of the same holding company may be. Furthermore, all EIC award winners have a continuing duty to inform ABC of a safety-related fatality that occurred after the end of the current program year until the time of the awards program. Such a fatality will nullify the EIC award. After the judging process and prior to the awards program, ABC will request that an award winner confirm that a safety-related fatality did not occur. Failure to respond to the request will also nullify the EIC award.

A company that experienced a safety-related fatality of a direct employee in the United States within two or three years of the current program year is required to provide additional information regarding action that has been taken following the fatality.

No project that involves prime, multi-prime or sub-trade contractors with a safety-related fatality is eligible to be considered for an award.

Completion of Project Requirement

To be eligible for award consideration, the project itself must have been completed between **April 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026**.

Project Entry Steps:

1. **Project Registration**- Each project must have this completed application to ABC Arkansas by **December 18, 2026**.
If you wish to submit multiple projects, please feel free to copy this form or download it at www.abcark.org. Once received, we will provide your company detailed project submission instructions. There is no limit to how many projects a company may enter.

2. **Project Entry Fee**- Each project application must be submitted with a $400 entry fee. You may mail checks made payable to ABC Arkansas or call and pay with a credit card. We encourage you to **email** applications regarldess of payment method. Project entry fees are non refundable.

3. **Upload Final Project Submission** - This year for the first time, we will be doing digital project submissions in place of physical project binders. Contents will be the same as previous years, just different submission method. More details will be provided.
Final submissions are due by end of day on February 5, 2027.

Mailing Address
ABC Arkansas
Attn: EIC
6 Collins Industrial Place
North Little Rock, AR 72113

All Dates to Remember
Eligibility Period - April 2025
to December 2026
Application Deadline - December 18
Completed Submission Deadline - February 5
EIC Award Ceremony - April 23

Email Contact & More Information
Email completed applications to megan@abcark.org.
Specific questions may be directed to Megan Williams via the email above or by calling 501.812.0828.

Judging

Projects will be judged by a team of unbiased industry experts from UALR's Construction Management Department. Entries will be evaluated on the material submitted and will consider attractiveness of design, complexity, workmanship, innovation, unusual challenges or problems overcome, etc. ABC Arkansas reserves the right to change the category of an entry if it believes a company's chances of winning may be enhanced.

Project Submission 'Best Practices'

A well composed project submission is a key component to winning an EIC Award. Years ago, we hosted a workshop designed to help members understand the judges' expectations and how to prepare the ideal submission. Also at this workship, past EIC Winners and ABC staff had the opportunity to share their tips and best practices. ABC took the information derived from the workshop and has put together a "cheat sheet" of the do's and don't's of completeing your submission. Whether you've entered projects in the past or if this is your first time entering a project, this "cheat sheet" will serve as a great tool to help perfect your submission and increase your chances of winning one of the coveted Eagle Awards! This sheet will be included with the overall instructions. Members will receive detailed instructions once we have received their completed EIC Application. Members may also view winning submissions from previous years upon request. Email megan@abcark.org for more information.

STEP & AQC

Whether your company is beginning its' safety journey or continuing to strengthen its' safety performance, ABC National's Safety Training Evaluation Process (STEP) will provide you with the direction you need to reach world-class. Participating in STEP provides you with an opportunity to measure your safety program's progress through the 20 Key Components self-evaluation, identify areas of improvement and benchmark your performance with fellow ABC members.

FOR YOUR EIC PROJECT SUBMISSION:

There will be a section in your project binder that pertains to Safety. In this section, points will be awarded to Members who provide proof of receiving a STEP award in 2026. You may include a copy of your submission receipt or a copy of your award certificate. To request a copy of your 2026 Award certificate, contact megan@abcark.org. Physical certificates will be presented to winning companies at a later date. To apply for 2026 STEP, visit www.abcstep.org.
(Deadline for 2026 application is December 15th.)

LOCAL STEP RECOGNITION:

The ABC National STEP program is conducted annually and Members can apply year round. We encourage all Members to apply for STEP every year that they want to make a commitment to achieving world-class safety performance. In order to recognize National STEP winners on a local level, our Chapter will recognize the previous year's STEP winners during our EIC Awards Ceremony. Meaning, 2026 STEP recipients will be recognized at the EIC Awards Banquets on April 23, 2027. All 2027 STEP recipients will be recognized at the EIC Awards Ceremony in 2028.

Following STEP, companies can apply to become an Accredited Quality Contractor. The Accredited Quality Contractor Program is an ABC National program which publicly recognizes and honors those construction firms which have documented their commitment in five key areas of corporate responsibility: Quality; Safety (STEP Gold, Platinum or Diamond Level Required); Employee Benefits; Training; Community Relations and Diversity. Benefits of participating in this program include a wide recognition within the industry, the business community, and the public; National and local recognition in publications; authorization to use AQC language in bid documents; permission to use the AQC logo on letterhead, business cards and jobsite signs; and points on National Excellence in Construction Awards submissions for being AQC certified. For more information about the AQC Program, visit www.abc.org/AQC.

2026 EIC Eagle Award Winners & STEP Participants

2026 EAGLE AWARD WINNERS

ACE Glass Construction
Action, Inc.
Advantage Security Technologies
APAC-Central
Baldwin & Shell Construction Company
Beshears Construction, Inc.
BR McGinty Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
C.R. Crawford Construction
Cantera Concrete Company
CDI Contractors
Clark Contractors
Crossland Construction Company, Inc.
Crossland Heavy Contractors
Fureigh, Inc.
Hadrian Fence Company
Hartley Commercial
Ideal Construction Company
James A. Rogers Excavating
Kinco Constructors
Koontz Electric Company, Inc.
Nabholz
NWA Steel
Platinum Drywall
TCM Enterprises
VSC Fire & Security

2026 STEP PARTICIPANTS (SO FAR)

Diamond Level

Crossland Construction Co., Inc.
Hartley Commercial
Kinco Constructors, LLC
SSi Incorporated
TOLM Group
VCC, LLC

Platinum Level

Building & Earth Sciences, Inc.
Cantera Concrete Company LLC
Clark Contractors, LLC
Hadrian Fence Company
Koontz Electric Co., Inc.
Midland Industrial Service
Nabholz
Platinum Drywall, Inc.
Progressive Technologies, Inc

Gold Level

Crossland Heavy Contractors, Inc.
Flintco, LLC

Silver Level

Baldwin & Shell Construction Co.
Gigerich Electrical, Inc.
Marrs Electric, Inc. of Arkansas
State Systems Inc
Thompson Electric, Inc.

Bronze Level

Advantage Security

Members may still apply for 2026 STEP until December 15th!

Project Information

Please provide the requested information exactly as it should appear in award-related materials and on the award.

Contractor Information

(This section is for your company - the GC or Specialty Contractor that is entering the project.)

Name of Contractor: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Primary Contact Information

(This section is for the individual at your company that will be coordinating with ABC staff during the EIC entry process.)

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Project Information

Name of Project: _____

Project Location (city,state): _____

Contract Amount: _____

Square Footage (where applicable): _____

Completion Date: _____

Primary Architect/Engineer: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Project Owner: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Project Award Category

Please check one category per application below.

General Contracting / Construction Management

For a project with the company performing as a general contractor or construction manager.

Mega-Projects
_____More than $100 million

Commercial
_____Less than $2 million
_____$2 to $5 million
_____$5 to $10 million
_____$10 to $25 million
_____Over $25 million

Community/Public Service
_____All contract amounts

Federal Government/Military
_____All contract amounts

Healthcare
_____Less than $2 million
_____$2 to $5 million
_____Over $5 million

Historical Restoration/Renovation
_____All contract amounts

Industrial
_____Under $1 million
_____$1 to $5 million
_____Over $5 million

Infrastructure: Heavy
_____All contract amounts

Institutional
_____Under $1 million
_____$1 to $5 million
_____Over $5 million

Pre-Engineered Building
_____All contract amounts

Public Works/Environment
_____Under $1 million
_____Over $1 million

Renovation / Restoration
_____Under $1 million
_____$1 to $5 million
_____Over $5 million

Other Construction
_____All contract amounts

Specialty Contracting

For a project with the company performing as a speciality contractor. (Please note category changes.)

Electrical
_____Over $10 Million

Electrical: Commercial
_____Under $1 Million
_____Over $1 Million

Electrical: Industrial
_____Under $1 Million
_____Over $1 Million

Electrical: Low Voltage
_____All contract amounts

Mechanical
_____Over $10 Million

Mechanical: Commercial
_____Under $1 Million
_____Over $1 Million

Mechanical: Industrial
_____Under $1 Million
_____Over $1 Million

Fire Protection
_____All contract amounts

Community/Public Service
_____All contract amounts

Sitework/Landscape/Hardscape
_____All contract amounts

Exteriors
_____Masonry, precast or stone
_____All other exterior finishes

Interiors
_____Acoustical, drywall, plaster
_____All other interior finishes

Other Speciality Construction
_____All contract amounts

See Category Descriptions on next page.

Project Award General Category Descriptions

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

Project Award Specialty Category Descriptions

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	covers any electrical contract more than $10 million.
Electrical: Commercial	includes electrical systems and utilities 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 stadium, parking lots, medical laboratories or renovation in an existing facility.
Electrical: Industrial	includes electrical systems 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.
Electrical: Low Voltage	includes installation of low voltage electrical systems such as structured cabling systems, total integration systems, network inegration systems, access control systems, paging & intercom systems, nurse call systems, CCTV network systems, access control systems, and wireless connectivity.
Mechanical	covers any mechanical contract more than $10 million.
Mechanical: Commercial	covers mechanical 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	covers mechanical systems 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.
Fire Protection	includes installation of fire alarm systems, fire sprinkler systems, fire suppression systems, or special hazard systems.
Sitework/Landscape/Hardscape	covers interior or exterior landscaping and parking lots.
Exteriors	includes masonry, precast, stone and all other exterior finishes.
Interiors	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.
Other Speciality Construction	covers construction not specifically referred to in the above specialty categories, such as roofing, fountain features or artistic scaffolding.

Project Entry Qualifications, Rights and Agreement

Property
All entries become the property of Associated Builders and Contractors of Arkansas (ABC AR). ABC AR will retain the applicant's entry contents as long as it is needed to fulfill program requirements.

Entry Category Reassignment
ABC reserves the right to change an entry's original category if it determines that a project's opportunity to win will be enhanced by the change to the new category.

Photographs
Photographs submitted with the application have been licensed by the photographer to be used by ABC Arkansas. Applicant has obtained the signature of any third party photographer to reprint the photographs without limitations. Photo release below may be submitted later with the final submission if needed.

License to Use: The undersigned hereby grants Associated Builders and Contractors ("ABC") a non-exclusive license regarding my photographs submitted by applicant in support of its entry in the ABC Arkansas Excellence in Construction Awards competition ("Competition"). This license grants ABC an unlimited right to use, reproduce, crop, resize, publicly display, distribute, and transmit electronically including on the internet, my photographs in connection with the Competition including but not limited to the promotion of the Competition and the announcement and promotion of any awards, without payment of any royalty or license or other fee by or from ABC or applicant or agent or other representative of ABC or applicant.

Photographer's Name (signature): _____ Date: _____

Photographer's Name (print): _____

Grant of Rights
The applicant hereby grants to ABC the following non-exclusive rights: the right to reproduce, and distribute copies of the work throughout the year as part of the course materials described above, including the right to reprint the work, or any part thereof, whenever necessary and to license the use of the work, or any part thereof, in any medium or form of communication;and the right to use the applicant's name, photographs and biography, in connection with the work. The applicant reserves all rights not specifically granted herein.

Safety Provision
No project with a safety-related fatality is eligible to receive consideration for an award.

Warranty
The applicant warrants that the work is original, that its' publication will not infringe on the rights of others, and that it has the full power to make this grant.

Applicant Agreement
I agree to submit a $400 entry fee via check payable to "Associated Builders and Contractors of Arkansas" or by credit card in accordance with the entry fee requirements. I hereby give permission to Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) to use the photographs and any information submitted to the ABC Arkansas Excellence in Construction Awards competition in ABC awards materials, including presentations and printed matter, as well as promotional materials and news releases.

Print name: : _____ **Title:** _____

Signature: : _____ **Date:** _____

E-mail address: : _____ **Phone:** _____