State Building Commission
Merit Award Program

Background

The State Building Commission has established the Annual Merit Award Program in the spirit of recognizing those companies that demonstrate the competencies and efforts necessary to realize excellence in the design and construction of projects for the State of North Carolina. The award recipients are recognized at the Annual State Construction Conference.

General Requirements

Project completed within two years of August 31st for a given year having a Beneficial Occupancy (BO) status and subsequent occupancy are eligible. The Capital Project Coordinators (CPC) must submit all nominations, using the enclosed nomination form, no later than February 5th to the Director of the State Construction Office. The same project may be submitted for both categories. Electronic submissions are acceptable. Agencies, Universities, and Community Colleges can submit an unspecified number of eligible project nominations per year.

General Description of Award Categories

Under each category, awards will be for projects with a total budget of less than $30 million and greater than $30 million.

Award Categories:

I. Excellence in Design
II. Excellence in Construction

Categories

I. Excellence in Design for prime architects or engineers

Projects may include, but are not limited to new construction, additions, building historic restoration, and repair and renovations (renovations may include 'before' pictures).

Nominations must include a brief review on how the project addressed each item below:

a) Project Management
b) Design: Innovations that emphasize function, circulation, space, light, building systems, structure and site.
c) Quality of documents
d) Integrated design: How did the designer interact with the Agency and SCO to produce a quality product?
e) Construction Administration: Did the designer coordinate well with consultants and give proper direction and information to contractors?
f) Schedule: Did the designer meet the project schedule?
g) Budget: Is the project within budget? If not, are cost overruns justified?
h) Agency Feedback: A completed designer evaluation must be included. Input based on occupant and maintenance staff feedback. Is project successful for occupants? Agency may provide a brief description of any subconsultants that performed exceptional project work.

II. Excellence in Construction

Projects may include all types of construction including general, civil, structural, mechanical, A/V, fire protection, electrical and specialty work.

Applications must include a brief review on how the project addressed each item below:

a) Project Management
b) Construction Quality: Excellence of finished project.
c) Safety: Any reportable incidents?
d) Collaboration: Did contractor(s) cooperate with the design team, subcontractors, and Owner(s) during construction?
e) Schedule: Did the contractor(s) meet the final contract completion date?
f) For Construction Management-at-Risk (CMR) projects only: Did the CMR perform pre-construction services appropriately regarding cost management, value management, and constructability? Did contractor suggest alternate construction methods or systems that expedited and enhanced the project or reduced project cost? Was Value Engineering required to meet budget, and if so, did it result in unanticipated Change Orders?
g) Subcontractors: Include a summary of subcontractors that demonstrated excellence in performance during construction.

Selection Committee

The Chair of the State Building Commission will establish committee membership.

Submission Information

Nominations are limited to 15 pages (front and back) and must have the following information included:

- Project Name
- SCO ID #
- Award category
- Date of Beneficial Occupancy (BO) Status
- Occupancy Date
- Statement of significance/achievement addressing the items listed for each category as outlined above.
- Designer/Contractor involved
- Project Photos (jpg format)
- Copy of the preliminary or completed designer evaluation for this project (if available) (For Excellence in Design submissions)
- Copy of the preliminary or completed contractor evaluation form (Excellence in Construction submissions)
- Explain how the Designer and Contractor worked well together on budget and schedule?

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Nomination Form

Nominations can be submitted in both categories:
☐ Excellence in design ☐ Excellence in construction

Name of CPC making the submission:
Name of CPC's agency or institution:
Project Name:
SCO ID #:
Date of Beneficial Occupancy (BO) Status:
Occupancy Date:
Total Budget:

Contact name and telephone number of firm nominated:

Attach:

1. Statement of significance/achievement addressing the items listed for each category as outlined in the instructions above. Include names of specific subcontractors or sub-consultants, SCO Construction Monitor(s) and others that significantly contributed to the project success.
2. Completed Contractor/Designer evaluations (If available)
3. Project photographs