

Prix d'Excellence

DE LA CONSTRUCTION EN BÉTON

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RULES

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ELIGIBILITY

All types of concrete projects are eligible to receive an award in this competition. The submitted project must consist of a new construction nearly completed between April 1, 2023, and December 31, 2025, in accordance with the new ACI International regulations. In addition, the project must be located within the territory of our local section (Quebec and Eastern Ontario).

Complete application files must be submitted no later than December 19, 2025.

Each application must fall into one of the following categories:

- Low-Rise Structures: Buildings up to three stories residential (multi-family and houses), school, commercial, warehouse and industrial, etc.;
- Mid-Rise Structures: Buildings four to fifteen stories;
- High-Rise Structures: Buildings more than fifteen stories;
- Bridges: a structure carrying a road, path, railroad, or canal across a river, ravine, road, railroad, or other obstacle;
- Decorative: Decorative or architectural feature or element such as exterior or interior finishes, hardscapes, ornamentation, stained, stamped, or polished concrete, art installations, etc.;
- Flatwork: Pavements, parking lots, runways, commercial/industrial floors, etc.;
- Infrastructure: Basic facilities or systems serving a region or community, such as recreation, site, water, marine structures, etc.;
- Repair and Restoration: overlays, rehabilitation, remodel, retrofitting, etc.

*ACI reserves the right to recategorize project nominations.



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COMPETITION REGULATIONS

- Only PDF registration forms will be accepted. No photocopies will be accepted ;
- A project may only be entered in one category;
- The application must highlight the innovative use of concrete as the primary building material;
- The application must demonstrate creativity and innovation in the use of concrete technologies;
- A minimum of four and a maximum of eight photos must be submitted with each entry. Whenever possible, the photos should be in high resolution to ensure optimal quality when displayed during the gala. In addition to the photos, the application may include a (time-lapse) video of up to 90 seconds showing the construction of the project. No animation will be accepted. Concrete should appear in some of the photos, and photos of concrete during construction are also encouraged. Photos and videos must be sent to us by email or through a large-file transfer system;
- The submission deadline is December 19, 2025;
- There is no entry fee for submissions; and
- The entry form may be completed in French or English.

JUDGING

Judging is conducted by a panel of qualified concrete and construction professionals with technical expertise in each award category, as well as domestic and international project experience. Nominated projects will be judged on the following:

- Architectural merit;
- Engineering merit;
- Creativity;
- Innovative construction techniques or solutions;
- Innovative use of materials;
- Ingenuity;
- Sustainability and resilience; and
- Functionality and end-use suitability.



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Applications must include a detailed project description in 300 words or fewer. This information will be evaluated and used in the program and communication materials.

IMPORTANT : The information you provide will be published exactly as submitted. ACI is not responsible for errors or omissions made by the project representative. The person responsible for submitting the application must ensure that prior consent has been obtained from the client or the owner.

CONCRETE DESCRIPTION

Each entry must include a 500-word description outlining how concrete was featured in the project. It should also address the project's complexity and uniqueness and may include information such as:

- Special characteristics of the concrete;
- Degree of difficulty;
- Project challenges;
- Problem-solving; and
- Ecological and environmental factors.

IAAQ MENTION

Projects submitted in all categories that include specific aspects related to reinforcing steel will be eligible for an IAAQ Mention. Project evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

- Presentation of the project from the perspective of reinforcing steel;
- Enhancement of concrete;
- Project, design, and structural challenges;
- Innovative methods and techniques; and
- Social, economic, and environmental impacts.



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ABQ MENTION

A special mention award will be presented by the Association Béton Québec (ABQ) to the project that promotes the visibility of ready-mixed concrete and highlights its use while adhering to industry best practices and fostering continuous improvement of knowledge and practices.

TUBÉCON MENTION

A special mention award will be presented by Tubécon (the Québec Association of Precast Concrete Pipe and Products Manufacturers) to the project that showcases innovations, technical challenges, and compliance with best practices in the construction of sewer networks, culverts, or other gravity-fed applications using reinforced concrete pipes and reinforced concrete structures.

GENIUM360 MENTION

Genium360 brings together more than 110 000 members of Quebec's engineering community, uniting professionals and students around innovation. This non-profit organization supports a dynamic ecosystem to tackle the challenges of tomorrow. As part of the project, please identify, if applicable, an engineer under the age of 35, registered with the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec, who has distinguished themselves through their contribution to the project's success.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

If your project wins an Excellence Award in one of the eight categories, it will automatically qualify for the *ACI Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards*. Your project team, along with the owner and your partners, will be invited to attend the awards gala, which will take place during the convention from **October 11 to 14, 2026, in Atlanta, GA, USA**. The exact date of the gala will be announced at a later time.

The Excellence Awards organizing committee will remain in contact with the project's application representative and will provide guidance on the steps required to complete your submission for the international ACI competition. Please note that your application file must be translated to comply with the regulations, and the responsibility for the translation remains with the applicant.

You may view the list of past ACI International award winners by following this link:

<https://concrete.org/aboutaci/honorsandawards/awards/projectawards/pastwinners.aspx>

If you have any questions about the competition or to submit your application, please contact:
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