



Projects of Distinction Scoring

Each project entry can earn a total possible score of 100 points per judge. Scores from judges are averaged.

The project components and their point values are listed below. Projects are eligible for Gold, Silver, or Honorable Mention. The project using the most ABC member subcontractors and suppliers earns the Built on Merit Award.

1. **Contracted Scope — (10 points)** A one-page (max.) description of the project scope, including type of construction, size, contract value, length of project, percentage of labor self-performed and subcontracted work, including contact information of subcontractors, suppliers and industry professionals (associate) who participated. It is important to indicate ABC members.
2. **Project Narrative — (30 points)** Describe innovative programs relating to project design and implementation, personnel management, quality control, budgeting, scheduling, value engineering and value saved. A significant part of the scoring will focus on Design and Project Completion and Technical Considerations. Was there an aspect of this project that made it unique? Was the project on budget and on schedule? If not, please provide a brief explanation as to the circumstances and how you, as the contractor, responded to the delay in schedule to mitigate the impact. A narrative of difficult conditions, environmental considerations, special obstacles, extenuating circumstances, and the contractor response is an important element of this section. Be sure to note the project's unusual challenges or unique features.
3. **Photographs — (8 points)** Upload photographs that show various stages of the project, including several of the completed project for display later. It is recommended that you invest in quality photography. The best quality photos receive the greatest exposure and visibility. Applicants must obtain the rights from the photographer to reprint the photos without limitations and must ensure permission has been obtained to copy and send photos to ABC for use without limitations. Captions should be included in the field provided. Additional photos can be embedded in the four-page narrative (as necessary).
4. **Safety Component — (31 points)** Scoring is based on the project safety indicators in combination with your company safety program. You will need to upload data from OSHA 300A for project years. Indicators to provide include total man hours for all disciplines included in your contract (GC/CM should include all specialty contractors'

hours). Scoring breakdown for safety is as follows: Written substance abuse policy (3 points); Written Safety and Health Policy Manual (5 points and required); Site-specific Safety and Health Policy Manual (3 points); Projects' organizational chart (1 point); New employee safety orientation (2 point); Toolbox safety meetings held (4 points); Site-specific pre-task safety planning (3 points); Recording Site-specific near misses (3 points); Specialized training conducted (2 points); Innovative Safety & Health Program on Project (2 point); TRIR (3 points).

5. References — (10 points) Include letters of recommendation from owner, architect, other contractors and other endorsements or third-party comments/communication. GC should submit letter from owner or architect. If the owner is unable to provide a letter of recommendation due to company policy, upload a letter from the owner on their letterhead stating they are unable to provide a reference. Specialty contractors should submit letter from owner/CM or general contractor. Letters will be assessed for their level of quality (content and position of author). In some cases, a single letter could earn the maximum number of points; however, additional letters are highly recommended.
6. Supplemental Materials — (2 points) Include any diagrams and other graphics, media coverage, other awards and promotion, brochures, etc. that help support your application.
7. Accredited Quality Contractor (AQC) — (2 points) For contractors participating in the accreditation program (optional), you may include a copy of the certificate in this section.
8. STEP Program — (2 points) Does your company participate in STEP?
9. Overall Presentation — (5 points) This is the overall presentation of the application as evaluated by the judges.

To maximize points, complete all project components. Attention to detail is key. Be very clear and detailed when answering your questions. Your answers should provide the judges with a clear picture of how your project sets industry standards for quality, design, safety, and innovation. Contact Laura Kocum (lkocum@abcwi.org) with any questions you may have.