

HOW-TO-ENTER WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 9 - 10:30 A.M.

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Agenda

- 1. Program Overview
- 2. Official Entry Portal for Colorado
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- 4. Telling Your Project's Story
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Program Overview





American Council of Engineering Companies' (ACEC) annual Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) competition recognizes engineering firms for projects that demonstrate an exceptional degree of innovation, complexity, achievement and value.

Submissions

- Projects qualified by ACEC Colorado are eligible to participate in the ACEC National awards competition.
- Colorado consulting engineering or land surveying firm
- Member and non-member firms are eligible
- Engineering or surveying projects that have won awards in other ACEC state programs are welcome if entered for a different engineering service (to qualify for the National competition)
- ACEC National and ACEC Colorado encourage joint-award submissions when multiple firms collaborate on the same project

Project Eligibility

- Project executed anywhere in the world with at least 50 percent of work completed by the entering firm's Colorado office
- Between Sept. 1, 2023 through Sept. 15, 2025, project must be:
 - Substantially completed and ready for use (built projects)
 - Publicly disclosed by the client (research/studies or survey/mapping projects)
 - Client approval of entry



Project Entry

Step 1: Register Your EEA Project Online through ACEC Colorado

- Each project requires registration and payment of entry fee
- Entry fee is non-refundable, regardless of whether project material is ultimately is submitted/uploaded to portal.
- Today's workshop attendees receive \$100 entry discount
 - Limit one discount per project registration
 - Valid for only on ACEC Colorado-member firm project entries
 - Priority code will be sent after today's workshop



ACEC Colorado 2026 Project Registration Fees

Member Firm	Non-member Firm
\$749	\$1,449



Official Electronic Entry

Colorado



Awards Submittal Portal

Following your ACEC
Colorado project registration,
you will receive a
confirmation email notifying
you that the Colorado
Submittal Portal will open in
early July.

You will receive further instructions and a link as soon as the portal opens.

NOTE: if you have not received this link by July 15, send an email to meetings@acec-co.org

ACEC's Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA)



ACEC EEA 2024 Colorado

Welcome,

The ACEC Colorado Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) program firms for projects that demonstrate an exceptional degree of innovation, c more than 50 years, Colorado firms have entered their most innovative pi Although the ACEC Colorado EEA program generally follows entry guide EEA program, ACEC Colorado rules are different. Therefore, please revis thoroughly. For more information, click here.

There are no projects currently associated with this email address. Click I

Add New Entry

Project Instructions:

Step 1: Complete the application. When you have filled in all fields, the application and click to Finish and Save.

Step 2: Download PDF. Click the red icon to download the application Colorado. NOTE: additional information (i.e., "optional" items for Color to National competition.

Step 3: Obtain required signatures on the Official Entry Form. Colorado permits use of certified digital signatures; however, ACEC National requires wet signatures for entries advancing to that competition.

Step 4: Upload files, Click the green icon to upload the signed Official Entry Form and other required uploads.

ACEC's Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA)

Logout



Deliverables

The ACEC Colorado Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) program annually recognizes consulting engineering firms for projects that demonstrate an exceptional degree of innovation, complexity, achievement and value. For more than 50 years, Colorado firms have entered their most innovative projects and studies into this competition. Although the ACEC Colorado EEA program generally follows entry guidelines established for the ACEC National EEA program, ACEC Colorado rules are different. Therefore, please review ACEC Colorado Official Rules, thoroughly. For more information, click here.

Fields marked with * are required when submitting the application.

- * 1. Signed Official Entry Form
- Form should be signed by both the entrant and the client/owner (senior executive/officials).
- · Accepted file format is PDF

- * 2. Executive Summary
- Accepted file format is PDF
- One page only.
- Accepted file format is PDF
 Up to three pages.
- * 4. Six Photos or Graphics

* 3. Project Description

- Accepted file formats are JPE, JPG or JPEG.
- Upload six files.

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Electronic Project Submission Form

- The firm name may not exceed 80 characters.
- Complete all required sections in the form.
- Original completed entry form must be signed by both the entrant and the client/owner (senior executives/officials)
- State that the submitted project was substantially completed and ready for use from Sept. 1, 2023, and Sept. 15, 2025.
- Electronic signatures are accepted.



Client /Owner Letter

- Letter addressed to "American Council of Engineering Companies"
- Describe relationship of the client/owner and entrant in the development of the project
- Confirm that the project is ready to use
- Acknowledge how the entrant's contribution exceeded the client/owner's needs.
- The letter must be signed by the project's client.
- One page (max), PDF format.

Executive Summary

- One page (max), PDF format
- 8.5" x 11" page with 1" side margins
- Single-spaced text us 12 pt. minimum size font
- Project title and entry category must appear at the top of the page.
- Overview of project
- Describe the problem and solution



Project Description

- Six pages (max), PDF format. 8.5" x 11" with 1" side margins
- Single-spaced text; 12 pt. minimum size font; PDF format.
- Project title, entry category, and page number must appear at the top of each page
- Entrants may use text, photos, graphics, or charts as needed.
- Text must include:
 - 1. Role of entrant's firm in the project
 - 2. Role of other consultants participating in the project
 - 3. Entrant's contribution to the project
 - 4. Budget Information



Changes for 2026



NEW for Colorado! PowerPoint Presentation

- PPT or PPTX File with eight (8) slides
 - One title slide with ACEC Colorado EEA new logo, firm name, project name, project location, city and state, followed by:
 - Six slides with photos and captions for each (no text on photos)
 - One slide that contains the photographic display panel.
- Do not include sound, transition effects, animations
- This presentation will be used by the judges as part of their evaluation.



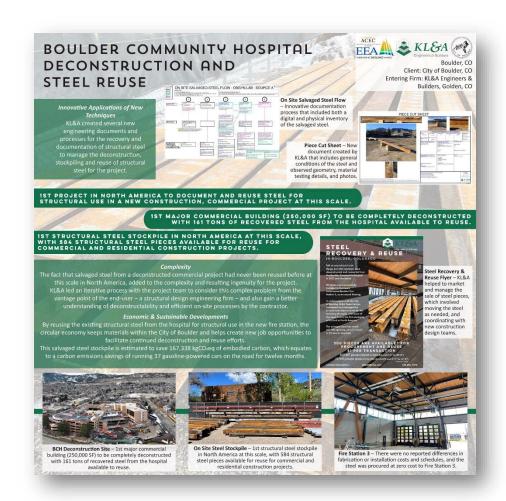
NEW for Colorado! No Printing of Project Board

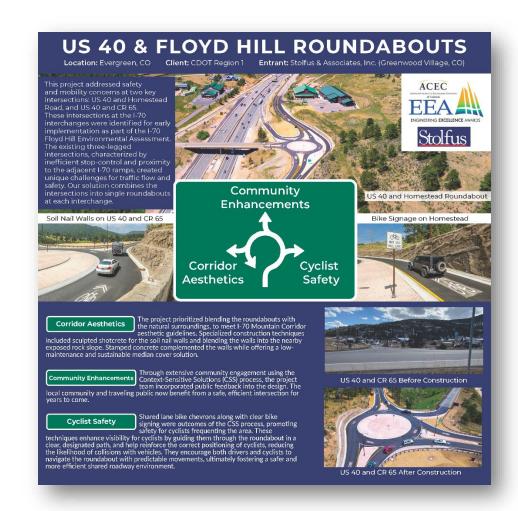
In lieu of 30"x30" printed project board, each firm will submit only a **digital display file for each project entered.**

- High-resolution images (300dpi) for showing on large screens and digital monitors
- Maximum of six photos, 7"x5" minimum or 35 sq. in.
- Text limited to 250 words, 32 pt. minimum font
- Title, location of project, client/owner, firm name and location
- Colorado EEA logo
- Entering firm(s) logo(s)



Digital Display / Project Board Examples





Timeline

- Project Registration | June 20 through Aug. 1, 2025
- Submittal of Required Materials to Portal | Aug. 8, 2025
- Video Interviews of Project Manager(s)/Principal(s) | September
- Judging | September
- EEA Awards Luncheon & Announcement of Winners
 - Friday, Nov. 14, 2025
 Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center



Judging

Entries will be judged based on:

- Overall engineering excellence
- The work performed by the submitting firm only
- The rating guidelines listed

Judges:

- Volunteer leaders from allied membership organizations
- Leaders in the public and private sector
- University Staff
- Members of the Media



Outstanding Graphics Award - best project board graphics

Merit Award - extraordinary engineering solutions

Colorado Award Descriptions

Honor Award - outstanding engineering solutions

Excellence Award - innovative engineering solutions

Grand Conceptor Award - entry with highest overall score

New! Colorado People's Choice Award - public viewing and voting via social media channels

Steps to Entering & Deadlines

- Submit Project Registration by Aug. 1, 2025
- Submit required materials no later than Aug. 8, 2025
 - Electronic Project Submission Form
 - Signed Client Permission Form
 - Executive Summary (no photos allowed)
 - Project Description (photos and graphics allowed)
 - Photographic Digital Display
 - PowerPoint Presentation with eight slides
 - Signed Photo Release Form



Telling Your Project's Story



Best Practices to Prepare to Submit

- Kick-off meeting with your project team and partners/clients
- Identify subject matter experts on project
- Resources needed
- Single point of contact
- Treat your award submittal like a proposal
- Media attention
- Award can win your firm more work



Tips for Writing Project Description

- Describe in easy-to-understand (non-technical) terms
- Why project is worthy of special recognition (word count between 100-500 words)
- Explain all factors that exhibit the project's uniqueness and complexity, such as innovative engineering, challenges faced and overall social impact
- Referenced for EEA publicity



Entrant's Contribution to the Project

- A brief description of the entrant's contribution addressing each of the rating guidelines
- Uniqueness and/or innovative application of new/existing techniques
- Future value to the engineering profession and enhanced public awareness/enthusiasm of the role of engineering
- Social, economic, and sustainable development considerations
- Complexity
- Successful fulfillment of client/owner needs



How to Select & Prepare Photography

- Take images along entirety of project
- High-resolution images
- Drone photos
- Image usage & copyrights
- Schedule time for a shoot



Return on Investment

- Personalized EEA award for display
- Targeted social media campaign
- Notable local press coverage
 - Colorado Real Estate Journal EEA Section
 - Colorado Public Works Journal EEA Section
- Professional YouTube video production
- Retainment and recruitment benefits





2024-25 ACEC Colorado Engineering Excellence Awards



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 AWARD-WINNING PROJECTS!

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado (ACEC Colorado) Engineering Escellence Awards (EEA) program annually recognizes Colorado consulting engineering firms for projects that demonstrate an esceptional degree of innovation, complexity, achievement and value. Each year's EEA witness are horored during a luncheon in early November. Additional details are online at www.acec-co.org, and videos about each project can be viewed an ACEC Colorado's YouTube Channel at bit.ly/acec-co-eea25videos



ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Boulder Community Hospital Deconstruction & Steel Rev Location: Boulder, Colo. | Consulting Engineer: KL&A, Engineers & Builders (Golden, Colo.) | Client/Owner: City of Boulder







Consulting Engineer: Calibre Engineering (Highlands Ranch, Colo.) Client/Owner: Montgomery Count Community Cooperative District Categorys Special Projects



Consulting Engineers Muller Engineering Company (Lakewood, Colo. Client/Owners Colorado Department





Consulting Engineer: Mortin Category: Structural Systems



Colorado State University SPUR Campus Hydro Building Location: Denver, Colo.

Consulting Engineer: Cator, Ruma
& Associates (Lakewood, Colo.)



Location: Derver, Colo. Consulting Engineer: Kimley-



Location: Pueblo, Colo Consulting Engineer: Dibble (Deriver, Colo.)
Client/Owners City of Pueblo



Client/Owner: City & County of







Location: Deriver, Colo.
Consulting Engineer: CTL
| Thompson, Inc. (Deriver, Colo.)
Client/Owner: Rivet Development Partners LLC & Pennrose LLC Category: Environmental











Location: Denver Colo. Client/Owners Westside Investmen Category: Special Projects



Consulting Engineer: Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (Greenwood Category: Transportation



Location: Brackspridge, Colo. Consulting Engineer: Felsburg Holt & Ullevig (Greenwood Village Client/Owners Town of Category: Transportation



ACEC Colorado Channel on YouTube with this QR cade or visit http://bit.ly/acec-co-eea25videos

























ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE ACEC

AWARDS 2025

GRAND CONCEPTOR

BOULDER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL DECONSTRUCTION & STEEL REUSE

Consulting Engineer: KL&A, Engineers & Builders | Client: City of Boulder | Category: Studies, Research and Consulting Engineering

EXCELLENCE

COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION - BUILDING/ TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

Consulting Engineer: ME Engineers Client: City & County of Denver Category: Building/Technology Systems

MONTGOMERY WHITEWATER PARK

Consulting Engineer: Calibre Engineering Client: Montgomery County Community Cooperative District Category: Special Projects

NORTH 1-25 SEGMENT 6

Consulting Engineer: Muller Engineering Company Client: Colorado Department of Transportation-Region 4 Category: Transportation

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON POWER PLANT UPGRADE

Consulting Engineer: Stanley Consultants Client: University of Washington Category: Energy

USAFA HOSMER VISITOR CENTER

Colorado Springs, CO Consulting Engineer: The RMH Group Client: Fentress Architects Category: Building/Technology Systems

HONOR

30TH AND COLORADO PROTECTED INTERSECTION AND UNDERPASS

Boulder, CO Consulting Engineer: Otak, Inc. City of Boulder Transportation

COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION -STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

Denver, CO Consulting Engineer: Martin/ Martin, Inc Client: TVS Design Category: Structural Systems

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SPUR CAMPUS HYDRO BUILDING

Consulting Engineer: Cator, Ruma & Client: Colorado State University

Category: Building/ Technology Systems

DENVER POPULUS HOTEL Denver, CO

Consulting Engineer: Kimley-Horn and Associates Client: Urban Villages, Inc. Category: Special Projects

FORT MORGAN WASTEWATER EXPANSION 3D SCANNING AND MODELING

Fort Morgan, CO Consulting Engineer: Merrick & Company Client: City of Fort Morgan, CO Category: Surveying/Mapping

PUB RW 8R-26L AND TAXIWAYS REHABILITATION

Pueblo, CO Consulting Engineer: Dibble Client: City of Pueblo Category: Transportation

UTE WATER WTP PRE-SEDIMENTATION RESERVOIR Palisade, CO Consulting Engineer: Providence Infrastructure Consultants Client: Ute Water Conservancy District Category: Water Resource

US 40 & FLOYD HILL

CONNECTING AURARIA

Denver, CO Consulting Engineer: Wilson & Company Inc., Engineers & Architects Client: City & County of Denver Category: Transportation

EPIC CAMPUS TRANSFORMATION

Consulting Engineer: AE Design Littleton, CO Client: Littleton Public Schools Category: Building/ Technology Systems

HIGH LINE CANAL TRAIL -THE MISSING LINK

Aurora, CO Consulting Engineer: Client: City of Aurora Category: Special Projects

LORETTO HEIGHTS Denver, CO

Consulting Engineer: Harris Kocher Smith Client: Westside Investment Partners Category: Special Projects

NEST56 AT DENARGO MARKET

ROUNDABOUTS Evergreen, CO Consulting Engineer: Denver, CO Stolfus & Associates Consulting Engineer: Client: Colorado Department of CTL|Thompson, Inc. Client: Rivet Development Partners Transportation Category: Transportation LLC & Pennrose LLC Category: Environmental WATSON AVENUE

SOUTH BROADWAY MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS

ROUNDABOUT Breckenridge, CO Consulting Engineer: Felsburg Holt & Ullevig Denver, CO Consulting Engineer: Kimley-Horn Client: Town of Breckenridge Category: Transportation and Associates, Inc. Client: City and County of Denver Category: Transportation

OUTSTANDING GRAPHICS AWARD

US 40 & FLOYD HILL ROUNDABOUTS

Evergreen, CO

Consulting Engineer: Stolfus & Associates | Client: Colorado Department of Transportation | Category: Transportation





Friday, Nov. 14, 2025

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Questions?

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