



American Concrete Institute
LOUISIANA CHAPTER
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ACI Louisiana's Excellence in Concrete Awards

To select the finest concrete structures built in Louisiana after April 1, 2024, separate awards will be made for buildings, bridges, industrial, paving, public works, water resources and special projects, as well as innovative design.

Submit Award Entries to:
Awards Committee

c/o Bill Rushing

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Award recipients will be recognized at the
ACI Louisiana's Excellence in Concrete Awards Reception
On Saturday, January 23, 2027

Entries must be received on or before November 15, 2026

*Rules, online entry form, and sample completed entry form available at
[Louisiana Chapter ACI - Awards](https://acilouisiana.org/Awards) (<https://acilouisiana.org/Awards>)*



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To: Owners
Architects
Engineers
Contractors
Concrete Producers

2024-2026 ACI Louisiana's Excellence in Concrete Awards

The American Concrete Institute, Louisiana Chapter, is pleased to announce its 28th Annual Excellence in Concrete Awards Competition. These Awards recognize and honor creative, innovative and aesthetic uses of concrete and concrete products in new construction projects completed after April 1, 2024 in the State of Louisiana.

There will be **no entry fee** for submitting nominations. All projects receiving awards will be published in the Reception program. The overall winner will have their project displayed on the ACI Louisiana Chapter's Facebook page as well as the website all year long. **The top project of excellence in each category as determined by the judges will be submitted into the ACI International Excellence in Concrete Awards Competition.**

You are invited to submit entries in this 2024-2026 ACI Louisiana Chapter Awards Competition. Please carefully review the enclosed application and return it, as indicated in the rules, before the deadline shown on the entry form.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alexander Vo
President
American Concrete Institute
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2024-26 AWARDS COMPETITION

ELIGIBILITY

All owners, architects, engineers, contractors, developers and industry-related professionals are eligible to enter this competition. Projects to be nominated must have been completed after April 1, 2024 and constructed in the State of Louisiana. Projects constructed outside of the state of Louisiana are eligible for submissions provided the design of the project was performed in the state of Louisiana.

AWARDS

The Awards Program is intended to recognize owners, architects, engineers and contractors who specify, design, and construct projects which use concrete materials. In each category, suitable plaques will be given for **Award of Excellence** and **Awards of Merit**, as selected by the Jury. The Award Judges will also select one of the projects to receive overall **Best Concrete Project** for the year. The Award plaque will be given to the firm submitting a completed entry of the winning project. Additional plaques, requested for other participants for a winning project may be purchased. Recognition on the plaque shall be given only to the Owner, Architect, Structural Engineer, General Contractor, or Concrete Product Subcontractor, as applicable and determined by the Awards Committee or Awards Judges. In the case of multiple entries, the Awards Committee will determine which entry is presented to the Judges and whether the submitter of the entry not judged will receive a plaque. Please fill out the Entry Form completely and carefully. The Awards Committee will not verify the information on the Entry Forms. All decisions of the Judges and the Awards Committee are final.

AWARDS CATEGORIES

Projects must be of predominately concrete construction, which may be cast-in-place, precast, prestressed or post tensioned concrete or concrete masonry. More than one award of excellence or merit may be given for greatly different types of structures. The Award Categories are as follows:

- o Low-Rise Structures (up to three stories)
- o Mid-Rise Structures (4-15 stories)
- o High-Rise Structures (more than 15 stories)
- o Infrastructure
- o Bridges
- o Repair and Restoration
- o Decorative Concrete

PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS

- The major portion of the project, including the structural system, and major portion of the exterior finish must be constructed of concrete or concrete products.
- Awards may be given for creative, innovative, aesthetic, or imaginative uses of concrete.
- Projects may be buildings, bridges, water resources applications, or other projects essentially completed during the year of the award or the previous year and if not previously submitted. Projects may be considered in a different category as the Awards Committee sees fit.
- The projects must be located within the state of Louisiana.
- Under the direction of the Awards Committee Chairman, the Committee will review all the entries as to the suitability of presentation to the Jury for award consideration and define for the Jury the categories into which the entry falls. The Committee has no obligation to submit an entry to the Jury in a category for which it believes there is no suitable entry.
- The top project of excellence in each category as determined by the judges will be submitted into the ACI International Excellence in Concrete Awards Competition.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All entries must contain an entry form, photographs (in jpeg electronic format) and a written description of the project.

Entry form: All information requested on the entry form must be completed.

Photographs (jpegs): Two or more professional quality color photographs of various views showing the project. All photographs must be cleared for use by the ACI Louisiana Chapter. All photos, including those selected for publication, become the property of ACI La. Chapter. Photographs should be submitted in jpeg format for best reproduction quality at the awards presentation. Pictures of winning entries will be used in a power point presentation at the ACI Louisiana Chapter Annual Reception and all publicity materials.

Description: Explanation of design concept, problems and solutions, aesthetic studies, project economics and any unique or innovative aspects of the project. Include drawings showing elevation and typical details if available.

Entry Fee: There will be no entry fee for submittals.

METHOD OF PRESENTATION

Each entry should be submitted in electronic format (no hard copy accepted). All information requested on the entry forms should be included. Incomplete entries may not be accepted. All entries become the property of ACI La. Chapter.

FOR A SUCCESSFUL PRESENTATION

Your entry will be submitted to a panel of Judges, whose only opportunity to evaluate the structure is through the best photographs and description you submit. For the structure to make a good impression, it is imperative that full consideration be given to lighting and composition. To ensure complete coverage, provide photographs in an electronic format for use during the Awards Presentation. We suggest you submit **ten photos** broken down in a manner that shows post and during construction photos, exterior views, close ups of outstanding features, interior views that show concrete being used on the interior and/or interior motif, and photos that illustrate concrete accomplishments. The photos should demonstrate to the judges the features that the submission team would like to highlight. Select the correct time of day to produce the best lighting; morning, midday, late afternoon or evening. Please ensure some of these photos would represent a suitable publicity picture for use in the awards presentation and public materials. Additionally, a few reproductions (maximum of 5) of engineering drawings can be utilized to point out the best design features of the project. The lighting and subsequent mood of the structure will change from morning to night.

JUDGING

A panel of Judges composed of industry professionals in design, architecture, construction and restoration of concrete projects will judge entries. The Judges will review all entries and decisions will be based only on the provided entry information and materials submitted by each entrant.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

The winners will be notified on approximately December 10, 2026. An award presentation will be made for the winners at the Chapter's Annual Reception in January 2027 in New Orleans. Entry photographs will be displayed at the Award Reception of the ACI Louisiana Chapter. Reception notices will be sent to entry submitters and project participants.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Entries must be received on or before **November 15, 2026** and uploaded to the Awards portal at <https://awards.acilouisiana.org> . **Only projects submitted through the portal will be accepted.**