



— 2026 —
ENGINEERING
EXCELLENCE
AWARDS

2026 MENTOR OF THE YEAR CALL FOR ENTRIES

Submit: Monday, November 17, 2025

Judging: December 2025

Awards Gala: February 18, 2026

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This award is intended to recognize an individual who has contributed to the future of the engineering profession by mentoring the next generation of leaders in the industry.

1. Name of Award:

ACEC Illinois Mentor of the Year

2. Applications:

ACEC Illinois members can nominate anyone 15 years or more in the industry from any ACEC Illinois member firm.

- Applications are due on or before November 17, 2025.
- All applications & headshot must be submitted electronically on the nomination form provided to the designated drop box.
- There is no fee associated with this nomination/award.

3. Evaluation of Applicants:

The evaluation of the applicants will be made by the Past Board Chairs Committee.

4. Criteria for Award:

- a. The applicant shall be employed by an ACEC Illinois member firm.
- b. The applicant should have 15 years or more working in the industry.

5. Presentation: The Emerging Professional of the Year Award will be revealed at the 2026 Engineering Excellence Awards. The top 3 applicants will be notified after judging and will all be recognized.

Check List:

Nominee's Information

Completion of Question 2

Electronic Color Headshot

**submit in dropbox with the final application*

Completion of Question 1

Signed Photo Consent of Release

Submit Final Application

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Nominee Information

Name:

Company/Firm:

Position or Job Title:

Email Address:

Work Phone:

Work Address:

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Question 1:

What was the specific event/reasoning that inspired you to nominate this mentor?

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Question 2:

How did this mentor develop your skills, enhance your knowledge and improve your life within the engineering industry?

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Date:

Signature:

Entering Firm: