

2027 FIRM OF THE YEAR CALL FOR ENTRIES

Submit: Monday, November 16, 2026

Judging: December 2026

Awards Gala: February 25, 2027



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ACEC Illinois' Member Firm of the Year is the only award program instituted to recognize ACEC IL member firms for their demonstrated leadership in promoting engineering through their activities with ACEC and in their communities.

ENTRY FEES

The fee of \$250 must be paid HERE by November 16, 2026.

ACEC IL members are considered members if their 2026/27 dues have been paid prior to 10/31/26.

PRESENTATION

- Collect and demonstrate the criteria through messaging and photos.
- Submit one file and upload to the dropbox as a PDF.
- Page limit: 6
- Include a Cover Page with firm logo and firm category you are submitting for.

Large Firm of the Year Submittal:

- Firm has 50+ employees
- Write submittal that explains/confirms Judging Criteria: I, II, & III
- Optional: Create a 3-minute promotional video for your firm.

Medium Firm of the Year Submittal:

- Firm has 15-49 employees
- Write submittal that explains/confirms Judging Criteria: I, II, & III
- Optional: Create a 3-minute promotional video for your firm.

Small Firm of the Year Submittal:

- Firm has less than 15 employees
- Write submittal that explains/confirms Judging Criteria: I, II, & III
- Optional: Create a 3-minute promotional video for your firm.

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JUDGING CRITERIA

The member firm has contributed to the success and growth of ACEC Illinois during the past two years by one or more representatives from the firm:

- Serving as an ACEC Illinois Board Member Actively participating on ACEC Illinois committees.
- Recruitment of a new ACEC Illinois member firm.
- Working with a new member/developing firm as a mentor.
- Functioning as a liaison between ACEC Illinois and another organization.
- Sponsoring an ACEC Illinois event.
- Participating in the state and federal political process in support of ACEC Illinois objectives.
- Other related activities.

The member firm has advanced the consulting design profession during the past two years through:

- Publishing an article on an issue of importance to ACEC Illinois or speaking to a professional or non-professional group.
- Entering a project in the ACEC Illinois Engineering Excellence Awards competition.
- Achieving an industry quality designation, governmental certification, or association certificate.
- Contributing to ACEC National and ACEC Illinois Political Action Committees.
- Actions that have led to improved management of the firm, such as enrolling an employee in the ACEC Illinois Emerging Professionals committee or Leadership Series Programs.
- Other related activities.

The member firm has been active in community involvement during the past two years by:

- Encouraging staff to becoming active in the local community.
- Identifying and promoting opportunities for staff to assist people (of all ages) in becoming acquainted with the engineering profession.
- Sponsoring a program such as Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Toys for Tots, United Way, or similar activity that benefits a community.

2027 FIRM OF THE YEAR:

I hereby grant ACEC Illinois permission to use photos submitted with our 2027 Firm of the Year Submittal. As well as, photos taken throughout the 2027 Engineering Excellence Awards Gala. We allow ACEC Illinois to use video and audio recordings for promotion, underwriting, public relations and general programming uses either with or without reference to the firm.

Date:

Signature: