

## 2026 EEA SUBMISSION CHANGES

The following represents highlighted changes to the EEA submission process. Please refer to the Official 2026 Call for Entries Brochure for specific submission guidelines.

- ▶ Omit submission of the 30" x 30" physical display panel.
  - ▶ All National Recognition Award photographic digital panel projects will be showcased on multiple large monitors throughout the upcoming ACEC Annual Convention area.
  - ▶ ACEC will be producing the physical display panels for the Grand and Honor Awards, each measuring 30" x 30" square, for the ACEC Convention and Gala event in Washington, D.C.
  - ▶ **Category J – Small Project: Construction budget not exceeding \$5 million.**
  - ▶ Have I included as many measurable results as possible to effectively convey the story of this project? For example, data points related to energy savings, number of people impacted by the project, etc.
  - ▶ **The firm name should not exceed 80 characters.**
  - ▶ Projects entered in the competition may have been executed anywhere in the world. Studies and Research (Category A) or Surveying and Mapping projects (Category D) must have been publicly disclosed by the client between Nov. 1, 2023, and Oct. 31, 2025. Construction of projects (Categories B through L with the exception of D) must have been substantially completed and ready for use between Nov. 1, 2023, and Oct. 31, 2025.
  - ▶ Project description must include budget information and Summary. Do not reference other awards the project has won.
  - ▶ **Digital photographic display panels must be submitted as high-resolution (200 dpi) PDF and JPEG files in RGB format. These panels are a key part of the entry and must meet the requirements outlined in the 2026 Call for Entries.**
  - ▶ An eight (8) slide PowerPoint Presentation contains: One
    - (1) title slide with EEA logo, firm name, project name, project location, city and state, followed by: Six (6) slides which include photos 1 through 6 (same photos as Item #6; Refer to Call for Entries on page 6), and captions for each photo. Do not include caption/text on the photo. Plus one (1) slide that contains the photographic display panel. Accepted file format is PowerPoint (PPT or PPTX) only. This presentation will be used by the judges as part of their evaluation. Do not include sound, transition effects, animations, present timing, or slide show sequencing. A sample PowerPoint presentation is downloadable from the ACEC website.
  - ▶ Key Participants and Media List must be submitted in an Excel File, not in a PDF format.
  - ▶ A project may be entered only once by the entering firm in any category. The same project may be entered in a different category by a different entering firm.
  - ▶ The project entry should occur in the state where the majority of the work was performed on the project.
  - ▶ If a project was entered in more than one MO competition, or if the same project is submitted separately by two or more firms, the affected MO(s) must decide how to enter the project and its firms. We strongly encouraged those firms to form a joint venture before submitting to the ACEC National EEA competition.
  - ▶ The EEA National competition is judged by an independent panel of experts whose selections, as governed by the EEA National judging process, are irrefutable.
  - ▶ ACEC also highly recommends joint-award submissions whenever multiple firms collaborate on the same project.
  - ▶ In any given year, a project entry may be submitted to the ACEC National EEA competition through only one state MO.
  - ▶ ACEC will use the information you provided in the system or on official entry form as the official source for preparing Gala, publicity content, and other communications.
- ### ▶ Deadlines
- ✔ Project eligibility between November 1, 2023, and October 31, 2025
  - ✔ Submission deadline: January 7, 2026
  - ✔ Judging: February 20-22, 2026
  - ✔ EEA Gala: May 5, 2026
- ▶ On Wednesday, January 14, 2026 (calls to entrant will only be made if there are clarifications or additional information required for your submittal).