2027 Construction Excellence Awards



CISCA
Ceilings and Interior Systems Construction Association®

ENTRY DEADLINE: JANUARY 8, 2027

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Ceilings and Interior Systems Construction Association (CISCA) invites submissions for the **Construction Excellence Awards.**

Award winners will be recognized at the **CISCA Summit Awards Dinner** on Thursday, March 11, 2027 at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, NV. The awards ceremony features a multi-media presentation of all submissions and winning projects. Winners will be featured on CISCA's website, social media, and in *Acoustical Interior Construction* magazine.

Be sure to read this material in its entirety.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

Entries are due no later than **January 8, 2027**. A discounted early entry fee is available for submissions received on or before **December 18, 2026.**

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

A CISCA member must submit all entries.

HOW TO ENTER

www.cisca.org/construction-excellence-awards

QUESTIONS?

Please contact us at cisca@cisca.org

CATEGORIES

Civic – Renovation or construction of any public building, such as an airport, museum, library, or church.

Education – Renovation or construction of a school or college.

Healthcare – Renovation or construction of a hospital or other healthcare facility.

Office – Renovation or construction of an office space.

Retail/Hospitality – Renovation or construction of a store, mall, restaurant, etc.

Boutique – interior projects less than 10,000 total square feet in size.

NOTE: judges may disqualify entries submitted in the wrong category.

SUB-CATEGORIES

After selecting the category, the project will be submitted into one of two sub-categories based on the square footage of the installation being considered for an award, not the total project size.

- **Installation larger than 25,000 square feet**
- **Installation smaller than 25,000 square feet**

Note: this does not apply to the Boutique category.

AWARD TYPES

FOUNDER'S AWARD

The project selected as the best overall submission from all of the entries received. Judges will select the winner of theFounder's Award from the top three scoring projects.

CATEGORY AWARDS

The top scoring project from each category will receive a Gold Award. A Silver and Bronze award may also be awarded from each category.

Winners will be asked to notify the other companies that worked on their project that the project won an award.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Projects must have been completed within the past 18 months from the entry deadline, and must not have been previously submitted for a CISCA Construction Excellence award.
- There is no maximum number of entries allowed per company.
- All contributing companies (architect, acoustician, manufacturers, etc.) must be listed in the submission along with their contact information.
- Winning projects will receive one physical award. Additional awards may be purchased.
- Each project may be submitted only once. If multiple companies submit the same project, CISCA will coordinate a single entry.
- Submitters must have permission from the installing contractor and/or property owner to enter the project.

IMAGES

- Up to 10 pictures in JPG format, up to 100 MB per image. Dark or low-resolution photos may not be able to be used in the award program or magazine.
- Photos taken during the construction phase will be helpful to the judges.

VIDEO

- A video (five minutes or shorter) is optional but may be helpful for judging.

NARRATIVE

- **Short Paragraph (75 word maximum):** This will be used in the award program and magazine, and will not be viewed by the judges. You may use the company and project names in this paragraph.
- **Long Paragraph (250 word maximum):** In this paragraph, describe for the judges the challenges faced with the project, and why this project should win. Consider including any challenges with the job conditions, job site, complexity of the installation, or any other factors that made this a challenging project.

PHOTO DESCRIPTIONS

- For each picture provided, write a short description to explain what is being depicted in the photo.

REMINDER: Identifying information, such as company names, the project names, or material brand names should **not** be used in any of the material being reviewed by the judges (the long paragraph, photo descriptions, video, and photo file names).

FEES

$575 fee if submitted on or before Dec. 18, 2026.

$875 fee if submitted between December 19, 2026 and January 8, 2027.



JUDGING CRITERIA

A panel of industry representatives will judge the entries using the following criteria:

1. QUALITY OF WORKMANSHIP

1–15 points

2. TECHNICAL QUALITY

1–15 points

How was the project executed from a technical perspective? For example, was there a technically advanced design or special techniques used?

3. COMPLEXITY OF THE JOB (INSTALLATION)

1–10 points

Was this a simple plug-and-play installation or was this a special process? For example, was field-cutting required?

4. COMPLEXITY OF THE JOB (MANUFACTURING)

1–10 points

Were the materials custom made or were they modified standard pieces?

5. JOB CONDITIONS

1–10 points

Was installation height, schedule, temperature or complexities in the installation mentioned?

6. OVERALL FINISHED PROJECT

1–20 points

What was the overall quality and appearance of the finished project?

