



Local Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement (LOCEA) Awards 2026

The Local Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement (LOCEA) Awards recognize projects that have improved the quality of life and contributed to the economic development of the local community, area, or region. These projects represent the successful combination of multiple engineering objectives, including design innovation and excellence, environmental sustainability, cost effectiveness, the effective use of materials, and aesthetics.

Awards

Two Honor Awards and one Outstanding Award may be given in the following categories:

- Geotechnical
- Transportation and Development
- **Water Resources / Environmental (Updated)**
- Structures
- Ports and Waterways
- Small Project and Non-Construction Study
- **Preservation (New Category)**
- **Disaster Resiliency (New Category)**

Eligibility

All four of the eligibility criteria below must be met:

1. The project design or non-construction study must have been accomplished by a civil engineer who is an active member of the Seattle Section. The civil engineer could have directed the project or could be a key member of the design team.
2. The project or study must be located within the Seattle Section (includes the counties of King, Snohomish, Kitsap, Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, Island, Clallam, and Jefferson).
3. The work or study must have been substantially completed in calendar year 2025. Construction projects or studies completed before 2025 are not eligible.
4. The construction project or study must be predominantly civil engineering-related work.

How to Apply

Google Form + Dropbox:

1. Please fill out the Google Form for all information listed on page 2.

Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/MaXmhrKrEo6KbaaW8>

2. Submit the supplemental documents via Dropbox link below.

- a. Evaluation Criteria Narrative
- b. Reduced Plan Set
- c. Photos

Dropbox Link: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/sxmUTMePxpE8ao4zyGZz>

*Google Form + Dropbox is the preferred method for submissions. Upon request, the Awards Committee can provide a fillable PDF or Word document as alternative submission option. If you require alternate submission options or have any questions, please contact Bianca Casem (awards@seattleasce.org).

All entries must be received prior to 11:59 PM Friday, March 27, 2026.

Google Form Questions

1. Project Name

2. Location

Qualifying projects must be located within the 9-county Seattle Section area (King, Snohomish, Kitsap, Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, Island, Clallam, and Jefferson Counties).

3. Project Category

A project may be submitted in up to three of the categories listed below. The ASCE Seattle Section reserves the right to select the most appropriate category for awarding the project.

- **Geotechnical** – to include slope stabilization, ground improvement, and subsurface investigations that address geotechnical challenges
- **Transportation and Development** – to include roads, bridges, mass transit that serve any or all modes of travel.
- **Water Resources / Environmental (Updated)** – to include projects related to water infrastructure, stormwater management, watershed restoration, flood control, water and wastewater treatment, and site remediation. Up to two awards may be given: one for Water Resources projects and one for Environmental projects.
- **Structures** – to include buildings or bridges or tunnels (new, existing, of any or all materials) aimed to demonstrate innovation, safety, and durability.
- **Ports and Waterways** – to include ports, harbors and navigable waterways aimed to enhance maritime infrastructure safety and sustainability
- **Small Project and Non-Construction Study** – to include projects with a construction cost of less than \$2.5M and can be of any type listed under categories. A project submitted for the “Small Project and Non-Construction Study” category will not be considered in any other category.
- **Preservation (New Category)** – to include historical restoration, preservation, and adaptive reuse of existing structures and facilities.
- **Disaster Resiliency (New Category)** – to include disaster response and resiliency projects focused on enhancing community safety. Disaster response activities must relate to a major disaster that began in 2024. While ongoing efforts into 2026 are allowed, all work must be completed by March 1, 2026. Resiliency projects may include levees, shoreline stabilization, seismic retrofits, and other initiatives that strengthen disaster preparedness and mitigation.

4. Date of Substantial Completion

Qualifying projects must be substantially completed during calendar year 2025.

5. Estimated Project Cost

Approximate construction cost or approximate study cost for non-construction projects.

6. Nominating Engineer

Name / Email / Phone # / Company / ASCE Membership #

7. Project Owner

Company / Point of Contact / Email

8. Others on Project Team

Company / Agency Name / Email / Role

9. Project Reference(s) (Optional)

Name / Email or Phone Number

10. Project Summary Description

One paragraph suitable for insertion into a brochure or article.

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Supplemental Documents

1. Evaluation Criteria Narrative

The nominee must submit a Word document or PDF file addressing the information outlined below. Please note that this submission will serve as the primary document for the evaluation process.

- **Project Description (200 word limit)**
 - Please provide a description of the project
- **Using the following outline, describe how the project achieves the following evaluation criteria (3-4 paragraphs).** *If any of the criteria are not applicable to your project, please justify.*
 - Innovative Features (25 points)
 - Excellence in Design (20 points)
 - Contribution to Public Welfare and Safety (15 points)
 - Compatibility with the Environment and Sustainability (10 points)
 - Cost Effectiveness (10 points)
 - Aesthetics (10 points)
 - Effective Use of Materials (10 points)

2. Reduced Plan Set

Please submit reduced plan sets or other supporting materials in PDF format. If submitting excerpts from a plan set, please submit only those sheets necessary to understand the project. (Typical details, sections, quantity summary sheets are not needed.) Non-Construction Study submittals can include relevant tables and graphs showing data and analysis results. Plan Sets must be to scale.

3. Photos

Please submit four to six color digital images that illustrate the project. Non-Construction Study submittals may include relevant illustrations and sketches. Images should be in .jpg format with a minimum resolution of 1024 × 768 pixels when possible, so that ASCE Seattle Section may use these images in a PowerPoint™ presentation during the awards ceremony presentation.

Dropbox Link: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/sxmUTMePxpE8ao4zyGZz>

Google Form must be completed by due date listed above. Supplemental documents must also be submitted via Dropbox before the due date listed above.

Evaluation Process

The Awards Committee will establish a judging panel comprised of experienced civil engineers from across ASCE Region 8, representing a diverse range of civil engineering disciplines to ensure comprehensive evaluation. Judges will be selected based on their expertise, professional integrity, and impartiality.

To maintain fairness and avoid conflicts of interest, judges **must not**:

- Have participated in the design, construction, or management of any nominated project.
- Be employed by, affiliated with, or hold a financial interest in any firm or organization involved with the nominated projects.
- Be immediate family members or have close personal relationships with any members of the project teams.

These restrictions are in place to ensure unbiased, objective assessments. Judges will review submissions based solely on merit, technical excellence, innovation, and community impact.

The panel will select two Honor Awards and one Outstanding Project Award. Depending on the quantity and quality of entries, categories may be combined for evaluation purposes to ensure a thorough and equitable judging process. Additionally, the awards committee reserves the right to assign projects to the category they deem most appropriate, regardless of the category under which the project was submitted.

Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Innovative Features	25 Points Maximum
Excellence in Design	20 Points Maximum
Contribution to Public Welfare and Safety	15 Points Maximum
Compatibility with the Environment and Sustainability	10 Points Maximum
Cost Effectiveness	10 Points Maximum
Aesthetics	10 Points Maximum
Effective Use of Materials	10 Points Maximum
TOTAL	100 Points Maximum

* Scoring points for a Non-Construction Study will be adjusted accordingly where evaluation criteria aren't applicable.

Timeline

Application Deadline	March 27, 2026 – 11:59 PM
Application Confirmation	5-7 business days of receipt
ASCE Region 8 Awards Deadline*	May 1, 2026
ASCE OCEA Awards Deadline*	June 1, 2026
ASCE Seattle Section Awards Announcements	June 2026
Awards Night	August or September 2026

We encourage nominees to also apply for the Region 8 Awards and the OCEA Awards. The application formats for these awards are similar, and additional information can be found on their respective websites:

Region 8 Awards: [<https://regions.asce.org/region8/awards>]

National OCEA Awards: [<https://www.asce.org/career-growth/awards-and-honors/outstanding-civil-engineering-achievement-award>]

The Awards Committee may reach out to the nominating engineer to encourage submitting applications for the regional and national awards.