2018 Excellence in Concrete Awards

Sponsored by the Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association

Call for Entries

To recognize the vital role that ready mixed concrete plays in all sectors of Iowa's economy, the Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association is now taking nominations for the twenty-fifth annual Excellence in Concrete Awards. Projects completed between September 1, 2017, and August 31, 2018, are eligible. **Entries must be received by September 15, 2018.** Awards will be presented at the Better Concrete Conference, which will be held on November 8, 2018, at the Scheman Center, Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Please distribute this information to owners, architects, designers, engineers, and contractors whom you think may wish to nominate a project. The information is also available for download from our website, www.iowareadymix.org.

This competition will honor outstanding projects, constructed within the state of Iowa, using ready mixed concrete for structural or flatwork applications. The following categories will be recognized:

- Agriculture
- Above-Grade Buildings
- Low-Rise Buildings
- Mid-Rise Buildings
- High- Rise Buildings
- Commercial/Industrial Decorative
- Infrastructure- Recreational
- Infrastructure – Structures
- Streets and Intersections
- Parking Areas/Drives (<1,000 CY)
- Parking Areas/Drives (>1,000 CY
- Recreational Trails
- Residential Above-Grade
- Residential Decorative
- Repair and Restoration
- Sustainable Practices

Categories

Agricultural: Any farm structure or flatwork relating to agricultural commodity production. This would include, but is not limited to, confinement buildings, feedlots, grain storage and transport, implement storage, waste lagoons or waste storage, and retaining structures.

Above-Grade Buildings: Buildings, other than single or multi-family, with exterior walls being either cast-in-place insulated concrete forms (ICF) or traditional forming, or site cast-tilt-up.

Low-Rise Buildings: Buildings up to 4 stories, other than single family homes, where concrete is included in any aspect of the project. These might include footings and piers, columns, cast-in-place walls and floors, and walkways. Projects in this category might be businesses, offices, manufacturing, food processing, retail, school and college buildings, apartment buildings, dormitories, hospitals, nursing homes, car dealerships, etc.

Mid-Rise Buildings: Buildings 4-15 stories, where concrete is included in any aspect of the project as described above.

High Rise Buildings: Buildings more than 15 stories, where concrete is included in any aspect of the project as described above.

Commercial/Industrial Decorative: Artistic use of concrete in non-residential projects.

Infrastructure - Recreational: Projects constructed for the purpose of recreation. This includes, but is not limited to, public swimming pools, skateboard parks, park enhancements, and band shells or platforms.

Infrastructure - Structures: Public buildings and structures including, but not limited to, libraries, city halls, courthouses, fire stations and training facilities, city owned parking garages, water treatment plants, city office buildings, event and convention centers, county and law enforcement facilities, public restrooms and rest stops, public storm shelters, and bridges.

Streets and Intersections: Municipal projects for which concrete was supplied by a local ready mixed concrete producer member.

Parking Areas/Drives (< 1,000 CY): Smaller public or private drives and parking areas, residential or commercial.

Parking Areas/Drives (> 1,000 CY): Larger public or private drives and parking areas, residential or commercial.

Recreational Trails: Concrete trails, including golf course cart paths.

Residential Above-Grade: Single or multi-family homes incorporating above-grade concrete exterior walls. The walls must be cast-in-place in ICF or traditional forming, or site cast-tilt-up.

Residential Decorative: Stamped, stenciled, stained, colored, ground, polished, or any other artistic use of concrete in the residential market.

Repair and Restoration: Preservation, rehabilitation, restoration or reconstruction of a building or structure involving the use of concrete in preserving its features, function and use.

Sustainable Practices: Projects that include sustainable design and construction practices that consider societal, environmental, and economic factors.

Eligibility

Entries may be submitted by the owner, architect/designer, engineer, contractor, or an Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association member. **The ready mixed concrete must be supplied by a member of the Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association. Separate entry forms must be used when submitting any project for consideration in more than one category.**

Awards

Awards will be presented to the following individuals or companies for each winning project: Owner, Architect/Designer, Engineer, General Contractor, Concrete Subcontractor, and the Ready Mixed Concrete Supplier.

Criteria

Winning projects will be determined using the following criteria: Architectural consideration of concrete, complexity of project, engineering design skill, finished appearance, construction challenges, diverse application of ready mixed concrete, and CY of ready mixed concrete in each element of construction.

Judging will be accomplished using the above criteria, photos, and project description provided on entry forms. Project visits may also be made. There will be one winner per category.

How to Enter

1. Complete the attached entry form and return it to the IRMCA office by **September 15, 2018**. Copy this form as needed.
2. Photography Requirements: **
   - Please take photos from a marketing perspective, and PLEASE LABEL FILES WITH THE PROJECT NAME
   - A minimum of 8 photos showing the use of ready mixed concrete in the project
   - Photos taken during construction and of the completed project are beneficial
   - Photos should provide necessary insight to address judging criteria
   - Include some close-ups of areas to better illustrate fine craftsmanship
   - Each photo must be in **jpg format** (with a minimum of one MB for each photo)
   - Photos can be sent on a CD, DVD, flash drive, or emailed to: rbangs@concretestate.org
3. Video submissions encouraged. (Submitted on flash drive.)
4. Entries will not be returned. All project information and media will become the property of IRMCA and may be used, at its discretion, for promotional purposes

Judges

The decisions of the judges are final. Entrants waive any right to make claims against the judges or the Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association. Judging will be completed by mid-October 2018. Judges may include, but are not limited to, members of the following organizations: Iowa AGC, Iowa Chapter of AIA, Iowa Chapter of ASLA, Iowa ACI Chapter, and Iowa Engineering Society.

Awards Presentation

Awards will be presented at the Better Concrete Conference on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at the ISU Scheman Center in Ames.

Checklist for Submissions

- ✓ Completed 2-page nomination form
- ✓ Detailed description of projects (complexity, engineering design, finished appearance, construction challenges, diverse application, architectural consideration, and how many CY of ready mixed concrete in each element of construction)
- ✓ Minimum of eight photos (jpg format, minimum of one MB each)
- ✓ Computer generated map
- ✓ Site plan for Parking Areas/Drives, Recreational Trails, and Streets and Intersections categories only

SEND PHOTOS (WITH NOTED REQUIREMENTS) AND COMPLETED ENTRY TO:

Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association
380 SE Delaware Avenue, Ankeny, Iowa 50021
Phone (515) 965-4575; Fax (515) 963-4010
Email entries may be sent to rbangs@concretestate.org

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2018