To encourage and promote the use of poured-in-place concrete as a versatile and durable building product, the Minnesota Concrete and Masonry Contractors Association (MC&MCA) announces the 34th Annual Excellence Awards contest for concrete projects completed before August 31, 2015. Through this program, the MC&MCA seeks to honor works of distinction by its members and to bring public attention to outstanding projects constructed of concrete.

**PROJECT QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY:**
- All entries shall be completed projects of which the concrete has been placed by a member in good standing of the MC&MCA.
- The projects must be located in Minnesota and must be completed (including landscaping) before August 31, 2015.
- Projects that have won awards in other contests are eligible for submission.
- Past winning projects in this program may not be resubmitted.
- Any other previous entries may be re-entered, provided the project was completed within the last five years.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**
- Each contractor member may submit up to two projects per category.
- If a category has three or more entries and two of the entries are from a single contractor, that contractor may be asked to withdraw one of the entries.
- **Each contractor member may submit the same project in only one concrete category (new in 2016).**
- A detailed project description must be submitted which describes the area to be judged and the features of excellence for the judges’ consideration (i.e., aesthetic value, unique structural/mechanical features or highlights, hurdles faced in project, innovation of project). Be sure to include specifics of project such as type of materials used, square footage, and material suppliers. **NOTE: The best project descriptions often result in higher judges’ scores.**

**PHOTOGRAPHS**
- All entries must have at least two digital photographs of the project submitted with the application. If photos are not submitted, entry will be disqualified. Photos must highlight the area of work to be judged and reflect and address the judging criteria being used. **Projects that have photos showing details of a project often receive higher judges’ scores.** Photographs will be displayed at the Awards Banquet and in other MC&MCA initiatives.

**CLASSIFICATIONS**
- Two entries are needed in each classification to establish a category. The Excellence Awards Committee reserves the right to combine or subdivide categories based on the number of entries submitted.
- **Metro:** Please note that all projects located in Minnesota and within a 75 mile radius of 694 and 35W (as shown on attached map) will be judged in person and considered in the categories listed below.
- **Greater Minnesota:** Entries in Minnesota but outside of the 75 mile radius will be judged by photos submitted with the application. The photos should highlight the area of work to be judged and vividly capture the features that address the judging criteria. Greater Minnesota entries will be considered in a separate division from metro entries. Two entries are needed in each classification to establish a category. The Excellence Awards Committee reserves the right to combine or subdivide categories based on the number of entries submitted.
Concrete Guidelines cont.

CATEGORIES

C1 Residential Concrete Decorative - Single or multi-family, exposed aggregate, colored, patterned, poured walls, driveways, sidewalks, patios, tennis courts, swimming pools
C2 Commercial Concrete Innovative & Decorative - Projects including concrete or terrazzo requiring innovation and offering unique design techniques
C3 Commercial Concrete Functional/Industrial - Parking lots, ramps, waste water treatment plants, highway heavy/bridges
C4 Commercial/Structural - Unfinished or finished/formed-in-place arenas, structural concrete buildings, post tension buildings, pan deck & joist (this category must have progress photos in order to be judged)

JUDGING

Judging will be done by a team of architects selected by the Excellence Awards Committee. Judging will include a site visit (metro area) or a photo review (Greater MN projects) to evaluate the uniqueness and usage of the poured-in-place concrete on the project. Specific judging criteria are:

Craftsmanship
- edges should be flush and sealed
- no porous areas
- straight control joints
- architectural finishes are consistent throughout

Concrete Difficulty
- access to project
- endearing conditions (24 hour traffic, weather conditions, working with other trades in same area)

Design
- choice of materials
- innovation
- ability/quality in trying to match or reproduce features

SECURITY CLEARANCE

If security clearance is required for judging, specific contact information must be supplied on the application. Project will be eliminated if entry is refused.

AWARDS

The winning project in each category will be announced and awarded at the 2016 MC&MCA Awards Banquet on Saturday, February 20, 2016.

CONTEST SCHEDULE

August 31, 2015  Project Entries Deadline
September, 2015  Judging of Projects
February 20, 2016 Presentation of Awards at Annual MC&MCA Awards Banquet

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Projects should be submitted through the MC&MCA website (Excellence Awards/2016 Concrete & Masonry Awards) or by going to the following URL: https://mcmcaawards.wufoo.com/forms/mcmca-2016-awards-masonry/

Photos must be uploaded at: https://www.hightail.com/u/mcmca. Please name the image files with project name followed by a photo number (zipped files are preferred). Upload images here after submitting your entry here:

QUESTIONS

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