



NORTHWEST CONSTRUCTION CONSUMER COUNCIL

CALL FOR NWCCC 2026 DISTINGUISHED PROJECT AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The NWCCC Distinguished Project Awards program recognizes excellence in the engineering, design and construction of projects completed or nearing completion by Northwest Construction Consumer Council (NWCCC) members during the prior two years.

AWARD CATEGORIES

The Distinguished Project Awards will be announced in the following categories during the NWCCC's Annual Conference on **Thursday, November 5th**, and winners will receive a unique one-of-a-kind award for display at their office to memorialize their achievement. We will also ask each award-winning project to give a short presentation about their project during the conference.

- Private Projects Under \$10MM
- Public Projects Under \$10MM
- Private Projects Over \$10MM
- Public Projects Over \$10MM
- Award for Innovation & Achievement in Sustainability
- Patrick K. Lyneis Memorial Safety Excellence Award

Both the Award for Innovation & Achievement in Sustainability and the Patrick K. Lyneis Memorial Excellence in Safety Award can be nominated for a person, group of people, a process, or a project that exemplifies outstanding contributions to sustainability and safety on capital construction projects.

QUALIFYING PROJECTS

1. To qualify for nomination, one of the project team's key members (Owner, Designer, or Contractor) must hold an active 2026 membership in NWCCC.
2. Project nominations can be completed and submitted by any member of the project team (Owner, Designer, or Contractor).
3. Entries must be complete and submitted by **5:00 PDT Friday, October 9th, 2026**.
4. The project must have reached substantial completion between **October 1, 2024 and October 1, 2026 (within last two years)**.
5. An organization may nominate more than one project into the same award category.
6. All projects nominated in the four Private and Public Projects categories will be automatically considered for both the Sustainability and Safety Awards as well. A single project can win awards in more than one category.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Please do not include any information in your nomination that is confidential or that you would not want to be mentioned as part of the reason for winning an award. If you feel that there is confidential information that should be considered by the judges that you do not wish to be “published” in connection with the award, please submit such information under a separate cover clearly marked “confidential”.

SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY

Applicants need to submit their nominations via email to nikole@nwccc.org by **5:00 PDT Friday, October 9th, 2026.**

JUDGING

An impartial panel of industry professionals will conduct judging. The panel will include professional representatives from owners, design, construction, academia, and industry consultants. Any judge having a conflict of interest with a project nomination will be excluded from scoring projects within that category.

WEIGHTED CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING ENTRIES

In your nomination, please address each of the following criteria.

1. Safety – 20%

Report project safety statistics, processes used to achieve safety performance, and any innovative methods or unique challenges regarding safety.

2. Goals and Objectives – 20%

State how effectively the goals and objectives for the project were met and quantify results whenever possible.

3. Front-End Loading / Project Planning – 15%

Describe the project's approach to early planning such as determination of feasibility, concept, early project organizational development, options analysis, and detailed scope development.

4. Cost & Schedule – 15%

Discuss cost and schedule challenges, options considered to improve delivery, and how and why the project outcome may have differed from the original objectives.

5. Identify Project Partners – 5% (Owner, designer(s), constructors, key consultants)

If appropriate, identify by name and function, key contributors to the success of the project (team members, vendor, subcontractors, etc.) and describe their contributions. Elaborate on project organization, contractual relationships, partnering, and team-building.

6. Unique Features – 15%

Discuss any unique technical, design, material, or construction features of the project that distinguish it from other similar projects.

7. Judges' Discretionary Category – 10%

Judge's reserve this category to recognize project features not included in the criteria above.

INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECT NOMINATION

The minimum requirements for nomination are outlined below. Provide the information requested for all projects along with narrative within a maximum of 5 pages. Describe your project, its outcomes, and explain why it warrants consideration as an NWCCC Distinguished Project for this year. Your narrative should clearly address the judging criteria laid out above.

NOMINATION

Please organize your nomination into the following areas:

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

(One project team participant MUST be a 2026 NWCCC Member)

- Company Name of Submitter
- Contact Name for Submitter
- NWCCC Award Category
- Contact Address
- Contact Phone Number
- Contact E-Mail

II. PROJECT INFORMATION

- Name of Project
- Location (City, State)
- Owner
- Designer (A/E)
- Constructor, Key Subcontractors or Vendors
- Construction Manager
- Type of Contracts
- Approximate Capital Value

III. BUDGET PERFORMANCE

- Original Budget
- Scope Changes (Including a list of significant changes)
- Revised Budget
- Final Installed Cost

IV. SCHEDULE PERFORMANCE

- Original Schedule
- Scope Changes (Including a list of significant changes)
- Revised Schedule
- Actual Start Date
- Actual Completion Date

V. SAFETY PERFORMANCE

- OSHA Incidence Rate
- Lost Work Day Cases
- Significant Safety Learnings

Also include up to ten high-quality digital photos to give the judges a complete and accurate picture of the project. These photos can be included separate from the narrative or within it. Photos of winning projects may be displayed on the NWCCC website or in communications they make.

If the project received positive media coverage or press releases, letters of commendation, or special awards, please include these as separate files with your project nomination.

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If the project is chosen to win an award, you will be notified no later than **Friday, October 23rd**, and all the award winners will be announced on Thursday, November 5th during the NWCCC Annual Conference, via the NWCCC website, and via an email to all NWCCC members. Winners will also be asked to make a short ~5-8 minute presentation at the NWCCC conference on Thursday, November 5th to describe your project, what made it successful, and to recognize your team members who were key to delivering success. The NWCCC would also like to post your presentation to our website for recognition of your accomplishment. Your unique one-of-a-kind award will be presented to you and your team at the conference or mailed to you afterwards if you are unable to attend.

Thank you for your participation in the 2026 NWCCC Distinguished Project Awards. Past winners exemplify the best in project delivery in the Pacific Northwest, and we are excited to consider a wide variety of our member's efforts and spotlight those which currently demonstrate this level of excellence.

For questions and information, please contact NWCCC Executive Director Nikole Waldron at nikole@nwccc.org.