**EXCELLENCE IN CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION AWARDS**

**ELIGIBILITY, RULES, DOCUMENT SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST, CONSENT FORMS**

***SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY***

* India Chapter of American Concrete Institute [IC-ACI] is the representative body for sponsoring of awards entry to ACI-USA, therefore all award entries need to be submitted to IC-ACI.
* The project should be located in India.
* The project submitted must consist of new construction [or a repairs/restoration project] substantially completed between May 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.
* Entry must highlight innovative use of concrete as a principal construction element.
* Entry must demonstrate creativity and innovation in the application of concrete technology.
* A project can only be nominated in one category.
* A minimum of four to eight photos are required per nomination. Nomination may include a 90-second time lapse video. No animations will be accepted. Concrete and construction should be featured in some of the photos.
* The structure shall have one or more outstanding features in terms of:
  + Architectural Design
  + Structural Design
  + Innovation in Construction Methods
  + Use of Innovative Materials in Concrete / Innovative Concrete
  + Innovation in Health and Safety
  + New parameters in sustainability
  + Reduced environmental impact
  + Substantial Concrete Volume Usage

***SECTION 2: DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS AND RULES***

* The entry should be submitted as a soft copy and 2 printed hard copies [A4 size] for the judging panel. Submit all photographs and videos in digital format on a CD / Pen drive, in addition to the printouts.
* The entries and processing fee should reach the IC-ACI office in e-format [at least] by the deadline date.
* To improve understanding of the project, a 15 slide PowerPoint Presentation on a blank template [Widescreen Format] may be sent as an optional document to improve selection chances.
* Consent from Project Stakeholders to be submitted [At least from Project Owner and Designer].
* All entries would require high quality photos and videos to be submitted. Please do not submit WhatsApp / low resolution cell phone photos. The photos should be submitted in jpeg format and should be at least 300 dpi. The photos are recommended to be professionally shot.
* ***Do not submit photos in MS Word, MS Powerpoint or in PDF Format***
* The videos should be submitted in MP4 format and should be in high resolution.
* To have a better understanding of the type of photos and videos to be submitted, please refer to ACI’s Past Excellence Award Winner Videos. These can be accessed at:
* [www.concrete.org/aboutaci/honorsandawards/awards/projectawards/pastwinners/](http://www.concrete.org/aboutaci/honorsandawards/awards/projectawards/pastwinners/)
* An undertaking regarding the authenticity of information submitted, should be furnished by the applicant.
* The Chapter appreciates the importance of team efforts of all the functionaries viz., Owner, Architect, Structural Designer and Constructor in realization of the project and may call upon the applicant to submit consent from them regarding participation in this competition. **However, written permission from the owner must be included with the entry.**
* By submitting an entry for the awards, the submitter also agrees to a conduct a live video walk through of the project and / or a meeting with key engineering personnel on site and the judges. This will aid the judges to get to know the project better and discuss any outstanding features to help the entry compete at the international level. This may or may not be required by the judges but needs to be consented to.
* All entries and materials submitted with entries shall become the sole property of the India Chapter of ACI, who shall have the right to make the same available through publication in Journals of ACI, USA, and that of the India Chapter of ACI, or any other publications. The submitter assigns the rights to publish photographs and names of any and/or all award recipients, without any compensation.
* In case there are any restrictions / prohibitions about the use of the documentation and visual materials, the participants must notify the Chapter accordingly while submitting the entry.

***SECTION 3: ASSESSMENT OF ENTRIES***

* All entries for the Award will be scrutinized by a Panel of Eminent Judges.
* The decision of the Panel of Judges shall be final and binding.
* The contestants shall have no claim against the panel of Judges or any member thereof or ACI-USA or the India Chapter of ACI or its members individually.
* The Panel of Judges will consider the following broad parameters while assessing each entry:
  + Innovative Use of Concrete / Materials
  + Innovation in Structural Design
  + Architectural Design Merit / Creativity
  + Sustainability and Resilience / Environmental Impact
  + Health and Safety
  + Innovative construction techniques or solutions / Ingenuity
  + Functionality and end-use suitability
  + Creativity
  + Ingenuity
* The final decision about the parameters and weightage for each of them will be at the sole discretion of the judges.

***SECTION 4: SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST***

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| **SR. NO.** | **DOCUMENT** | **ATTACHED** |
| 1. | Introduction Letter to the project |  |
| 2. | Document Submittal Checklist |  |
| 3. | Completed Entry Form |  |
| 4. | Entry Fee [Demand Draft, NEFT / RTGS Slip, UTR Number] |  |
| 5. | 4 to 8 Site Photographs @ 300 dpi, Professionally Shot |  |
| 6. | 2 Minute Video showing site progress, time lapse, walkthrough |  |
| 7. | 15 Slide PowerPoint Presentation, explaining Project Details, sent on a blank template |  |
| 8. | Supporting Documents [Site Drawings, Mix Design Details, Architectural Drawings, etc. as needed, **10 pages max**] |  |
| 9. | Consent letter from project owner, designer, constructor and concrete supplier |  |
| 10. | Consent for a video walkthrough of the site, discussion with site personnel [1 hour] |  |

**NOTE: Click the checkbox to select**

***SECTION 5: CONSENT***

We the undersigned, hereby give our consent to the applicant       [Type Applicant Name in Grey Field] to submit data on our project       [Type Project Name in Grey Field] to the India Chapter of ACI Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards: 2024 and the ACI Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards: 2024, for further processing, judging and publicity.

We understand that all photographs, information, graphics, ideas, or other information submitted to IC-ACI and onward to ACI (the "Submission") will forever remain the property of the India Chapter of ACI (“IC-ACI”) and the American Concrete Institute (“ACI”). IC-ACI and ACI will not be required to treat any Submission as confidential. IC-ACI and ACI will be entitled to use the Submission for any commercial, publicity or other purpose whatsoever without compensation to any organization or any person sending the Submission.

We further agree that the decision of IC-ACI and ACI and the judges in the competition regarding any award, or the decision not to issue an award, is final and not subject to challenge. We agree to keep IC-ACI and ACI indemnified from any damages or injury caused by, including but not limited to, special or consequential damages that result from the Submission.

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| **PROJECT NAME** |  |
| **PROJECT ROLE** | OWNER  ARCHITECT  STRUCTURAL ENGINEER  CONTRACTOR  CONCRETE SUPPLIER  OTHER  [SELECT ONE] |
| **NAME OF PERSON IN CHARGE** |  |
| **SIGNATURE & SEAL** |  |
| **PLACE AND DATE** |  |

**NOTE: Click Check Boxes to Select and Enter Text in Grey Fields.**