

ICRI 2025 Project Awards Rules & Submission Process

[Submit Your 2025 Entry!](#)

Submission deadline is Tuesday, July 1, 2025, 5:00 pm CDT.

Enter by Friday, May 30, 2025 and receive a \$50 discount on the \$400 entry fee.

1. **Project qualifications.** The project must either be completed after January 1, 2023, or substantially complete before March 31, 2025. The project must not have previously won an ICRI award, except for projects secondarily submitted in the Longevity category. Entries in the Longevity category must have been completed prior to December 31, 2015. Entries will be judged on uniqueness, use of state-of-the-art methods, use of materials, functionality, value engineering, and aesthetics.
2. **Submitting company.** Entries must be submitted by a **company member** of ICRI. The portion of the repair project which is performed by the submitting company must amount to at least 25% of the project cost. (Project cost does not apply to design firms or owners.) For purposes of this determination, a subcontract for the repair portion of a larger project will be considered to be the project.
3. **Owner permission.** Written permission from the project's owner **MUST** be included with the entry.
4. **Entry requirements.** Each entry **MUST** include:
 - Detailed project description with cover and photos (worthy of presentation/publication) not to exceed 2,000 words, (see Rule 5 below).
 - An abstract of the project, not to exceed 300 words
 - Letter of Permission from Project Owner
 - Entry fee of \$400 USD (Enter by May 30 and receive a \$50 discount)
 - All entries must be submitted through the online submission form.
5. **Project Presentation PDF (including cover, written description, photographs, and drawings):** This will be the only piece seen by the judges. The project presentation shall conform to the following:
 - Description shall be in 8.5 x 11 inch (or metric equivalent) format, with the exception of drawings that may be 11 x 17 inch - (presentation/publication worthy). Information you may want to include:
 - Structure characteristics (size, construction, etc.)
 - Problems that prompted repair
 - Inspection/evaluation methods
 - Test results
 - Causes of deterioration
 - Repair system selection (generic)
 - Site preparation
 - Demolition method

- Surface preparation
 - Application method selection
 - Repair process execution
 - Unforeseen conditions found
 - Special features that make the project worthy of an award
 - The written description of the project **must not exceed 2,000 words**. However, the more detailed an entry is concerning technical aspects, special features, uniqueness, etc., without exceeding 2000 words, the better informed the judges will be in making their determinations.
 - Cover shall contain the project title and a maximum of 2 photographs and/or figures. **No information regarding project participants shall be on the cover.**
 - A maximum of 15 photos/images may be included within the body of the text or as appendices. Images may consist of photographs, figures, and/or drawings. Photographs inserted into other photographs/images shall be considered a separate image for counting purposes. Cover photos shall be excluded from this requirement.
 - Along with your entry, you must upload separate copies of all photos and images. Photos should have a resolution of 300 dpi or greater. These photos are also used in the presentation and publicity of winning entries; therefore, only good quality prints should be selected, at least one of which depicts the completed project. If copyright is not owned by the submitter, permission to use must be included with the submission. Project videos will not be accepted as documentation for judging.
 - In addition, one photo should be marked by entrant as photo to use for award plaque if the project is chosen as an award recipient. **This photo should be landscape oriented, not portrait.** Also, ICRI displays posters of the winning entries at the Fall Convention using six (6) pictures from your presentation. Please mark and upload these six (6) photos to be used on the posters.
6. **Participant identification.** To ensure fairness in judging, all participant identification (Entry Form Part I) is separated and is not seen by the judges. **Therefore, entries must be prepared so that any company and product names (of submitting company or project partners) do not appear anywhere except for Entry Form Part I.** Product literature should not be submitted, and photos **MUST** not display company logos or product identification.
7. **Judging.**
- **Project of the Year:** This award is given to the project that is judged to be the best overall project submitted.
 - The top three projects chosen by the judges will be notified during the standard awards notification period. The second runner-up, first runner-up, and Project of the Year will be announced at the Awards Luncheon at the ICRI Fall Convention

- **Award of Excellence:** This award is given to the project that is judged to be the best (highest score) in a particular category, and in the opinion of the judges, is worthy of an Award of Excellence. More than one Award of Excellence may be given in each category; however, categories are not required to have awardees.
 - **Award of Merit:** This award is given to the project that is judged to be worthy of an Award in a particular category, but not the Award of Excellence. More than one Award of Merit may be given in any category. Categories are not required to have awardees.
8. **Winning entries.** An article featuring each award-winning project will be placed in the November/ December issue of the *Concrete Repair Bulletin*. Project descriptions submitted with entries should be written with this in mind to minimize major rewriting for publication. Winning entries will also have a poster made from their entry displayed during the Awards Luncheon at the Fall Convention.
 9. **Additional participants.** A **maximum** of five (5) participants in the project will be recognized in the awards program, *Concrete Repair Bulletin*, or other publicity. The names and locations of the project owner, designer, contractor, and material supplier should be included with the submission. Please make sure this information is complete and correct. **If a participant is not listed with the original entry, they will not appear in the Awards Program Book or the *Concrete Repair Bulletin*.** Exceptions to this rule will be made only by vote of the Awards Committee, whose decision will be final.
 10. **Deadline.** Submit entries online using the [2025 Project Awards Entry Form](#). **All entries must be received by 5:00 pm Central Daylight Time on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.** Winners will be notified in August.
 11. **Any submission that does not fully comply with the rules will be returned.** Early entry is encouraged to allow time for revision and re-submission in the event that the original entry is rejected due to noncompliance.