

Outstanding Project Awards

2020-2021 Rules & Requirements

Submit your project for Outstanding Project Award consideration by February 27, 2021

Winners will receive a crystal trophy and will have the opportunity to present their project in an audio-visual program during the awards presentation at the Annual Conference on Friday April 30, 2021

1. Both CalGeo members and non-members are eligible to submit Outstanding Project Award (OPA) entries. Member firms with representatives on the judging committee are not eligible to enter.
2. There is a non-refundable application fee for each individual entry. The fee for members is \$150; the fee for non-members is \$350.
3. Only projects completed and constructed within five calendar years preceding the submittal due date are eligible for the OPA Program. For academic/research project entries to be eligible, the results of research must have been published within three calendar years preceding the submittal due date.
4. Any project will be considered for the award. Some suggested projects are: Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Infrastructure, Residential, Shoreline Protection, Academic/ Research.
5. More than one entry may be submitted per firm/individual; however, awards will be limited to one per firm/individual.
6. Entries will be judged based on the following criteria with no emphasis on any one criterion:
 - Innovation
 - Difficulty of investigation (difficulty of construction for design-build projects)
 - Quality of geotechnical report
 - Success of interaction between the parties involved (i.e. between design team, owner, and contractor)
 - Social impact of the project
7. There are 7 project categories. The applicant shall clearly indicate the category of their submittal based on their total professional fees billed for the project (including fees for construction inspection services). The categories are as follows:
 - **Private Small-Budget Category** (under \$100,000)
 - **Private Medium-Budget Category** (\$100,000 up to \$500,000)
 - **Private Large-Budget Category** (over \$500,000)
 - **Public* Small-Budget Category** (under \$100,000)
 - **Public* Medium-Budget Category** (\$100,000 up to \$500,000)
 - **Public* Large-Budget Category** (over \$500,000)
 - **Geo-Contractor Category** (Affiliate members)

* *Public projects are defined as projects where the owner of the project is a public entity (i.e. state, city, county, federal), regardless of who the consultant contracted with.*
8. Project Type Restrictions:

Member Firms and Individuals, Non-Members: Any type of geotechnically-oriented project is eligible for entry.

Affiliate Member Firms: Only geotechnically-oriented Design- Build projects of any size will be eligible for entry.
9. Judging and selection of entries to receive an OPA will be done by the Awards Committee consisting of the CalGeo's Immediate Past President, other board members, and member representatives.
10. Submittal Requirements:
 - (1) copy of the complete entry, uploaded to Dropbox or a flash drive preferably bookmarked and in .pdf format.
 - the application
 - one copy of the project report(s)
 - no more than (15) color digital photos of the project
 - submit a brief synopsis in **Microsoft Word**, 100 to 150 words in length. It should attract the reader's interest and include a photograph or diagram.
 - submit a longer companion article in **Microsoft Word** format up to 2000 words and include several photos and/or diagrams. This is where you are encouraged to show off your work.
12. OPA recipients will receive a trophy or plaque at our Annual Conference and are expected to present their project to the conference participants. (Additional trophies or plaques may be purchased through CalGeo for various team members.) In addition, all winning firms/individuals will receive recognition at the Awards Program, in the CalGeo electronic e.Geo newsletter, and on the CalGeo website.
13. CalGeo is not responsible for returning entries or for loss or damage to entries. Members are therefore urged not to submit originals or indispensable copies of photographs or reports.
14. All entries must be received at the CalGeo Administrative Office no later than February 27, 2021. Make check payable to CalGeo and mail/e-mail entries to:

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