

Outstanding Project Awards

2022-2023 Rules & Requirements

Please submit your project for Outstanding Project Award consideration by Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

Winners will receive a crystal trophy or plaque 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 14, 2023.

1. Only CalGeo members are eligible to submit Outstanding Project Award (OPA) entries. Non-member firms will not be recognized. Member firms with representatives on the judging committee may submit. However, those representatives may not judge in the category in which their firm submits.
2. There is a non-refundable application fee of \$150 for each individual entry.
3. Only projects completed and constructed in California 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. Construction is not required if not part of the project.
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 in each category; however, awards will be limited to one per firm/individual in each category. A firm may win multiple awards across categories.
6. Entries will be judged based on the following criteria:
 - 30% Quality of Geotechnical Report
 - 20% Innovation
 - 20% Difficulty of Investigation (Difficulty of Construction for design-build projects)
 - 15% Success of Interaction Between Parties (i.e., Design Team, Owner, and Contractor)
 - 15% Social Impact of the Project
7. There are seven (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:
 - **Private Small-Budget** (under \$100K)
 - **Private Medium-Budget Category** (\$100-\$500K)
 - **Private Large-Budget Category** (over \$500K)
 - **Public* Small-Budget Category** (under \$100K)
 - **Public* Medium-Budget Category** (\$100-\$500K)
 - **Public* Large-Budget Category** (over \$500K)
 - **Geo-Contractor Category** (Affiliate Members)
8. Project Type Restrictions
 - Member Firms and Individuals: 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, comprised of at least five individuals, to include CalGeo's Immediate Past President, other board members, and member representatives.
10. Submittal Requirements
 - Online Application ([Click Here](#))
 - One (1) copy of the complete entry, preferably bookmarked and in .pdf format, submitted electronically.
 - Brief synopsis (100-150 words; .docx or .pdf). It should attract the reader's interest and include a photograph or diagram.
 - Companion article (up to 2000 words; .docx or .pdf). Include several photos and/ or diagrams. This is where you are encouraged to show off your work.
 - One copy of the project report(s)
 - No more than (15) color digital photos of the project
11. 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.
12. CalGeo is not responsible for returning entries or for loss or damage to entries. Members are urged not to submit originals or indispensable copies of photographs or reports.
13. Entries must be digitally submitted to CalGeo no later than Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Please pay online or make check payable to CalGeo:

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