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AWARD PROCESS

THE AWARD

The Australian Constructors Association and Engineers Australia are proud joint presenters of the Australian Construction Achievement Award (ACAA). Now in its 25th year, the ACAA is the industry's most prestigious award recognising the best construction projects, delivered by the nation's very best construction companies.

The evaluation and judging of the Australian Construction Achievement Award (ACAA) is a two-stage process by an independent judging panel.

Stage 1 (initial entry) involves completing an online entry form.

Stage 2 (finalists) requires a detailed submission and participation in a judging panel site inspection.

KEY DATES:

Call for entry open – Stage 1	September 2021
Call for entry close – Stage 1	28 January 2022 5:00 PM AEST
Finalists Announcement	February 2022
Stage 2 open	February 2022
Stage 2 close	15 March 2022 5:00 PM AEST
Judging	Late March to mid-April 2022
Winner announcement	May 2022

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OVERVIEW

The merits of the project entered for the Award will be assessed on the entrant's submission and presentation of the project through the Award evaluation process. Entrants are asked to present a case in support of their project, responding to the following Award assessment criteria in the order listed below.

ENTRIES AS COMPONENTS OF LARGER PROJECTS

The Award recognises the proliferation of mega projects and the fact these projects often take many years to deliver. Potential entrants should understand that size or value of a project are not criteria for the Award.

The Award recognises that some larger projects are delivered by way of separable components that are, or could be, regarded as projects that would qualify for entry for the Award. Accordingly, entrants are encouraged to consider the nomination of separable parts of larger projects, on the same basis that smaller projects exemplifying excellence should be nominated. However, where entrants nominate separable parts of a larger project, they should ensure that the entry provides sufficient focus on the component and the subject of the entry rather than the balance of the project. While important in contextual terms, an overall project may not be considered for the purposes of assessment when a component part is being considered for the Award.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Projects must be delivered within time (inclusive of client agreed extensions) and within 10 per cent of the client budget (inclusive of agreed variations).

Projects must be delivered to agreed quality requirements with no material defects.

Projects will be excluded where fatalities or serious injuries causing permanent or long-term harm have occurred or where material breaches of environment and heritage requirements occurred during construction.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

ENTRANTS WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

Value for money outcomes (40 per cent weighting)

The entrant is expected to showcase expertise in delivering a complex construction task while maximising social and economic benefits.

- Complexity, difficulty, and optimisation of the construction task, including approach to effective risk management.
- Time, cost and quality outcomes.
- Prioritisation of local suppliers (including social and indigenous enterprise—if not applicable state the rationale) and legacies provided to the community.

Outcomes achieved against capacity, capability, and skills targets (30 per cent weighting)

The entrant is expected to have helped lift the skill base of the workforce and driven productivity improvements.

- Evidence of innovation and an environment conducive to investment or the uptake of tools and processes that enhance productivity. This includes embracing digital technologies with the potential to provide whole-of-life asset cost savings.
- Training and development initiatives aimed at equipping the workforce with critical skills.
- Industrial relations that support flexible working in an inclusive and safe environment.

Outcomes achieved against positive culture (30 per cent weighting)

The entrant is expected to have nurtured the physical and mental health and wellbeing of the workforce, as well as promoted environmentally responsible outcomes.

- Workplace health and wellbeing including initiatives aimed at improving mental and physical health.
- Diversity of the workforce including attempts to remove barriers.
- Relationships within project teams and throughout the supply chain.
- Evidence of efforts aimed at reducing the impact of the project on the environment.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Before submitting a stage 1 entry, please consider whether your application meets the following requirements:

- The project must be located within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Australia.
- The project must be a major construction project involving engineering and/or building activities.
- The content of the project must be predominantly Australian.
- The project must demonstrate that it will have been substantially completed in the 12 months prior 1 March 2022.
- More than one entry may be received from any one company, but entries will not be accepted for a completed project as well as an integral part of the same project.
- Submissions for which entry fees have not been paid will not be considered.
- The nominated project will be made available for inspection by the judging panel at a mutually convenient time in March/April 2022.
- Where any rules or conditions associated with the Australian Construction Achievement Award are disputed or require clarification, the matter will be referred to the chairperson of the judging panel. The decision by the chairperson shall be final.
- The Australian Constructors Association and Engineers Australia reserve the right to retain and publish photographs, videos and other multimedia materials and descriptions of the projects entered for the Australian Construction Achievement Award.
- The Australian Constructors Association and Engineers Australia accept no responsibility or liability regarding any loss of patent rights, other commercial privileges, or any other thing, which constitutes loss or damage as a result of entry in the Australian Construction Achievement Award.

STAGE 1 ENTRY

STAGE 1 ENTRIES WILL BE RECEIVED UP TO 5PM AEST, 28 JANUARY 2022.

Submit the entry online at acaawardsplatform.com

Entries should include the following:

- Details of entrant.
- Project details including summary of scope of work (60 words), purpose of project (150 words), contract information.
- Agree to the mandatory requirements.
- Using short narratives, address the assessment criteria (note should your entry process to Stage 2, criteria will be addressed in detail).

1. Value for money outcomes (400 words)

- Outline the construction task and the social and economic value delivered by the project.

2. Outcomes achieved against capacity, capability and skills targets (400 words)

- Outline how the project helped lift the skills base of the workforce and drive productivity improvements.

3. Outcomes achieved against positive industry culture (400 words)

- Outline how the physical and mental health and wellbeing of the workforce was supported in delivering the project along with any proactive steps to reduce the impact on the environment.
- High-resolution logo of the company and/or project including corporate branding guidelines.
- Up five high-resolution photographs of the project.
- Sign the entry declaration.
- Agree to the Terms and conditions.
- Once your submission has been process. Pay a non-refundable entry fee of \$1,100 AUD inclusive of GST.



STAGE 2 SUBMISSION

Finalists for the Award will be announced in February 2022. The finalists will then be required to prepare a final submission by 15 March 2022 5:00 PM AEST.

STAGE 2 SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Submission material
 - Details on the type of contract used for the project.
 - Contract tendered value or equivalent (e.g. TOC)
 - Contract final value or actual outturn cost (AOC)
 - Principal reasons for variances
 - Any unresolved disputes? Status of those disputes?
 - Names and brief biographies of the project leadership team.
 - Details with supporting examples and evidence, addressing the evaluation criteria in the order stated in the assessment criteria, the case in support of the project that warrants the winning of the Award (maximum 850 words per criterion).
2. A technical paper on the project for inclusion on the ACAA website (<https://acaa.net.au/project-insights/>).
3. Any relevant plans and graphical or photographic material.
4. Ten high-resolution photographs of the project.
5. A broadcast quality 60 second video. Supporting video footage and photography should illustrate the development of the project from concept to completion and may include diagrams, 3D renderings, construction time-lapse videos, progress construction stills and raw or edited video footage. The video must include the project manager, or other relevant person/s involved in the management of the project, speaking about key issues that the project addressed or encountered and how those issues were addressed or overcome. This video footage will be used on ACAA website to showcase the project.
6. Pay a non-refundable fee of \$12,100 (AUD including a Goods and Services Tax of 10 per cent) with the final submission.

Please note:

Finalists should take care to focus on the content quality of Stage 2 submission to enable the judging panel to give appropriate recognition to project quality and outcomes.

Stage 2 submission is to be no more than 20 pages of text single sided, A4 size with no appendices, 12) point font.

Ownership of the photos and footage is given to the ACAA for promotional use.

ONCE ANNOUNCED AS A FINALIST, THE FINAL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 15 MARCH 2022 5.00PM AEST.



STAGE 2 SITE INSPECTIONS

Site inspections of finalists' projects will be an integral part of the evaluation process. It can be assumed that the judging panel will inspect the project on one occasion, for approximately four hours during March/April 2022. Subject to the evolving COVID-19 situation, and in line with government advice about travel restrictions, project site inspections may be virtual in the form of an interview.

Note: the finalist are to make all on-site and other local arrangements for the site inspection of the project and make available supporting data.

- The judging panel will expect to see other data at the same time of the inspection. A single copy of additional data will suffice. This would normally include detailed plans and specifications, and possibly contract documents.
- The judging panel will welcome the opportunity to view relevant videos or other audio-visual material during the visit.
- In addition to meeting the project leadership team during the inspection, the judging panel will expect to meet with a senior client representative. The finalist should make the necessary arrangements.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Stage 1 entries require payment of a non-refundable entry fee of \$1,100 (AUD including a Goods and Services tax of 10 per cent).

Stage 2 entries require payment of a non-refundable fee of \$12,100 (AUD including a Goods and Services Tax of 10 per cent) with the final submission.

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE BY THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

- Invoice for EFT payment (please request invoices 10 working days before payment is due).
- Credit card (a credit card surcharge of 1 per cent for Visa and Mastercard and 1.5 per cent for AMEX will apply).

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