

# 2025 Outstanding Highway Engineering Awards



## Eligibility

Any public or private organization engaged in the practice of highway and transportation engineering/construction in Pennsylvania is eligible to enter the awards program.

## General Criteria

All projects entered in the awards program must meet or are subject to the following general criteria:

1. Projects entered in the competition must be within the Mid-Allegheny Section (Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson County)
2. Construction of projects must have been substantially completed between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025.
3. Each entry must be prepared in accordance with these Criteria (Page 1) and Entry Form (Page 2). Non-compliance with the rules will automatically disqualify an entry.
4. See Page 3 of this application for the **Evaluation Guidelines**.
5. Entries submitted for judging in the competition, including photographs, will not be returned.
6. The ASHE Awards Committee reserves the right to determine eligibility of all entries.
7. Application must be submitted by the Prime Design Consultant, Owner, or Prime Contractor. More than one submission may be submitted by those entities.
8. Applicants are encouraged to notify the Design Engineer, Owner and Prime Contractor prior to submission.

## Categories

Highway or transportation construction project within the following construction cost categories:

CATEGORY A:

\$2,500,000 or less

CATEGORY B:

Greater than \$2,500,000

## Submission

Send an electronic version (PDF format) of the submission to:

[ashe.midallegheny@gmail.com](mailto:ashe.midallegheny@gmail.com) (please request a read receipt)

The email subject should have the following subject:

**2025 ASHE Mid-Allegheny Awards |  
Company Name | Project Name**

Please contact Douglas Zubal, P.E. at 724.422.1113 or by Email: [dzubal@pa.gov](mailto:dzubal@pa.gov) for questions or alternate arrangements.

## Judging

Entries will be judged based on the design work of the project and according to the Evaluation Guidelines on Page 3.

## Awards

The owner, the designer, and the prime contractor of the winning entry will receive a plaque acknowledging their achievement. Additional plaques may be purchased.

The awards will be presented at the May 2026 Mid-Allegheny Section Dinner Meeting.

**DEADLINE** for Entries is **March 20, 2026**. Entries received after March 20, 2026 will **NOT** be accepted.

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## Official Entry Form

Please furnish all information requested below for each entry.

**Project Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(limited to 40 characters)

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ECMS Number (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**CATEGORY:**

A. \$2,500,000 or less     B. Greater than \$2,500,000

**Name of Submitter:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Submitter's Entity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Submitter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prime Consultant Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name/Title of Project Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner Name & Contact** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prime Contractor Name & Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Budgeted Construction Cost:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Actual Construction Cost:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Scheduled Project Completion Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Actual Project Completion Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Note: Provide explanation if difference between budgeted and actual bid is greater than 10%.

\*\* Note: This is the date the project was substantially completed and must be **between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.**

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## Evaluation Guidelines

- New Application of Existing Techniques/Originality/ Innovation.....30%
- Technical Value to Engineering Profession.....20%
- Social/Economic Considerations.....15%
- Complexity.....15%
- Meeting and Exceeding Owner’s/Client’s Needs.....15%
- Safety.....5%

Each guideline will be evaluated on a scale of 1-10 and weighted as noted.

## Examples of Evaluation Guidelines

New Application of Existing Techniques/Originality/Innovation:

- Does the project include unique or different techniques, materials, or equipment?

Technical Value to Engineering Profession:

- Does the entry advance the state-of-art or state-of-practice of engineering construction?

Social/Economic Considerations:

- Does the entrant’s solution bring into play secondary benefits, i.e., what additional benefits were realized as a result of the completed project?
- Does the entrant’s role provide society with any useful advancement of social or economic benefits?
- Was the public health, safety or welfare enhanced as a result of the entrant’s role in the project?

Complexity:

- Did the project involve very complex criteria?
- Were extraordinary problems encountered such as site, location, hazardous conditions, project requirements, or similar elements?
- Did the project require out-of-the-ordinary technology or ingenuity?

Meeting and Exceeding Owner’s/Client’s needs:

- Was the project an economical and cost-effective solution to the original scope of the project?
- How did the final cost relate to the original budget estimate?
- Did the project meet the owner’s time schedule?
- How closely does the entrant’s solution meet the goals of the owner?
- Does the entry meet and justify its original concept?

Safety:

- How did the project improve safety for the traveling public or pedestrians.

## Submission Format

The project narrative should not exceed 1500 words (photo captions are not included as part of the 1500 words).

Clearly explain the roles of all consultants on the project.

Use a maximum of ten (10) photos, with captions, reflecting unique features of the project.

Provide an electronic version of the submission in PDF format transmitted electronically.

If selected as the winner, provide a high-resolution photo (Between one and ten megabytes) of the project for the award in jpeg or tif format via email.

Any supplemental brochures, articles, etc., will not be considered.

None of the material will be returned.