



Gold Star Awards

The North Dakota Ready Mix & Concrete Products Association and the North Dakota Chapter, Inc. – American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) are once again looking to recognize architects, engineers, contractors, owners and concrete producers for Excellence in Concrete for projects that demonstrate innovation, craftsmanship, aesthetics and more.

If you have a project worthy of consideration, please read through the following instructions on how to complete and submit your application. Pay particular attention to the submission deadline. Winners will be notified in early December, and the Gold Star Awards Banquet will be held January 9, 2025 at the NDRM&CPA Annual Convention in Fargo, ND.

Applications must be emailed to Brian Zuroff, bzuroff@ndconcrete.com, by Friday, November 8, 2024.

APPLICATION DEADLINE Friday, November 8, 2024

AWARDS BANQUET Thursday, January 9, 2025
Radisson Blu—Downtown Fargo, ND

- CATEGORIES**
- AIRFIELD
 - BRIDGE
 - COMMERCIAL
 - DECORATIVE
 - EDUCATIONAL FACILITY
 - GOVERNMENTAL
 - INNOVATION
 - OVERLAY
 - PARKING (LOTS OR STRUCTURES)
 - PRECAST
 - RECREATIONAL
 - SITE CAST / TILT UP
 - STREET PAVING
 - SUSTAINABLE DESIGN
 - WATER STRUCTURE

ELIGIBILITY

- Any registered architect, engineer, contractor or producer may enter projects. Award applicants must coordinate application information through the participating NDRM&CPA member, producer or supplier for consideration.
- Projects may only be entered once over the allowable two year period.
- Projects must have been completed during the period of December 2023 and November 2024. Completion will be considered achieved at 90% or more finished.
- Projects must have used concrete and/or concrete products supplied by a NDRM&CPA member in good standing with the organization.
- Projects are to be classified by the entrant at the time of submission. Projects will be entered in the category selected by the entrant. If a project qualifies for entrance in an additional category, judges will make that determination, and additional judging of the project will be made in a different category. Not all categories may have winning projects.
- Projects, to be eligible, must be completed anywhere in North Dakota or in border areas directly served by concrete producers in North Dakota—examples: Moorhead, East Grand Forks and Sydney. Pre-Cast projects cast in North Dakota by active NDRM&CPA members are eligible anywhere. Masonry/products supplied from North Dakota plant sites are eligible anywhere.
- Paving projects must be substantially supplied by a ready mix plant, in lieu of a contractor owned portable batch plant. The contractor must be a member in good standing of the ND Chapter, Inc. – ACPA.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Each application shall include a **Project Executive Summary**, detailing information on what helps set the project apart from others. The Executive Project Summary shall be limited to two, typed pages with single spacing and 12 point font. Judges will use the Executive Summary as the primary source of information to identify details such as:

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| - SCOPE OF PROJECT | - CRAFTSMANSHIP |
| - DESIGN INPUTS | - DIFFICULTY |
| - EFFECTIVE USE OF CONCRETE | - INNOVATION |
| - BEST PRACTICES | - SUSTAINABILITY |

SUBMISSION

- Complete the Gold Star Awards Application Form.
- Application form must be completed in entirety, where applicable to your project. The NDRM&CPA and ND Chapter, Inc.—ACAP reserves the right to disqualify any entry with incomplete information or visual materials.
- Submit a minimum of 4 digital photos and a maximum of 8 digital photos to clearly highlight the construction process as well as show the final details of the completed project. **Helpful hints;** *Photographs should be clear; Take photos when project site is clean—no debris, leaves, snow, etc.; Judges will not visit your project site; Judges will award for information on application form and what they can see in your photographs.*
- Please send your entire application in **one email** to **Brian Zuroff at bzuroff@ndconcrete.com**. This will include your application form and all photos to accompany your submission. Subject line—**2024 Gold Star Award Application**. If your photo sizes are too large to send via email, please contact Brian Zuroff for a share-file link to upload them to.

DIGITAL PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum resolution for photos is 200 KB; at least one photo must be a minimum of 1 MB for use as the Awards Plaque photo, if your entry is selected for an award.
- All images and submittals become the property of the NDRM&CPA and may be used in a variety of promotional areas.
- Professional photographs must include a release from the photographer when you submit your application.
- If an award winning submittal has insufficient quality photos, the final awards plaque may be delayed.

JUDGING

The NDRM&CPA Executive Director will enlist a panel of industry experts of no less than 3 and no more than 5 to judge the each application. The panel will include those with expertise and extensive knowledge of concrete design and construction. The panel may show no bias or preferential treatment. In the event a panelist is affiliated with an awards application, the panelist will be removed from judging the particular category.

AWARDS BANQUET

- The Awards Presentation will be held the evening of January 9, 2025 at the Radisson Blu in Downtown Fargo, N.D.
- Each category winner will have the opportunity to briefly discuss the project at the banquet. A designated spokesperson or persons (max of two people) should be selected to speak on behalf of each group prior to the Awards Banquet.