

2017
FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS (FICE)
OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARDS (OPA) PROGRAM

I. GENERAL

The Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers (FICE) annually recognizes outstanding achievement by its member firms in accomplishing Florida transportation projects. Firms are nominated for awards in seven project award categories: *Outstanding Major Project, Outstanding Design-Build or CM at Risk Project, Outstanding Roadway Project, Outstanding Bridge Project, Outstanding PD&E / Planning Project, Outstanding Environmental Project and Outstanding Special Project*. Nominations for each award category may be submitted annually by each of the seven FDOT Districts, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise and by the Central Office. The FICE Outstanding Projects Awards Committee comprised of FDOT and FICE representatives and hereinafter called "the Committee," will select the winner in each of the seven project categories.

To be considered for an outstanding project award, transportation projects must have been included in FDOT's 5-Year Work Program and must have been completed within the prior calendar year. Eligible transportation projects include conventional road and bridge construction projects; transit, airport, seaport, rail and other inter-modal systems projects; ITS projects; traffic operations and safety projects; drainage and surface water management projects; environmental mitigation projects; project development and environmental (PD&E) studies; planning projects; and other transportation-related projects having unique or special features.

Each of the Districts, the Turnpike Enterprise and the Central Office may nominate as many projects as they want for any or all of the seven outstanding project award categories. Any one project shall be submitted for award in only one category. District nominated projects must be located in-total or in-part within the nominating district's boundaries; Turnpike projects must be on the Turnpike System; and Central Office nominations are limited to the "Special Projects" category. Nominations will be submitted to FICE by the respective District Secretary, the Turnpike Enterprise Secretary or the Assistant Secretary for Engineering & Operations. Nominations will be submitted via a completed "FICE OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARDS PROGRAM PROJECT NOMINATION FORM," available from the FICE website. The nomination form may be supplemented with other relevant supporting documentation deemed appropriate by the nominating office. All nominations submitted by the District Offices, the Turnpike Enterprise and the Central Office will be evaluated and judged by the Committee, which shall determine the winner in each award category. The Committee shall consist of a suitable number of representatives from FICE member firms and representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation. FICE representatives shall be appointed by the current FICE Transportation Committee Chairman; FDOT representatives by

the Assistant Secretary of Transportation; and the FTBA representative by the president of FTBA.

II. **AWARD CATEGORIES:**

1. **Outstanding Major Project**

This category includes all design-bid-build transportation and transportation related projects having a construction contract amount of \$25 million or greater that are not included in any other category.

2. **Outstanding Design-Build or CM at Risk Project**

This category includes all Design-Build or CM at-Risk transportation and transportation related projects that are not included in any other award category.

3. **Outstanding Roadway Project**

This category includes conventional roadway projects or projects with significant roadway related elements worthy of award recognition.

4. **Outstanding Bridge Project**

This category includes bridge projects or projects with significant bridge related elements worthy of award recognition.

5. **Outstanding PD&E / Planning Project**

This category includes PD&E and Planning projects or those with significant PD&E or Planning-related elements worthy of award recognition.

6. **Outstanding Environmental Project**

This category includes all transportation or transportation related projects that provide ongoing environmental benefits, lessen impacts to surrounding ecosystems and/or increase sustainability.

7. **Outstanding Special Project**

This category includes all transportation or transportation related projects that incorporate innovative concepts to improve efficiency, enhance safety, minimize community/business/traffic impacts, increase pedestrian/bicycle mobility and/or reduce project cost and/or duration.

Note: To ensure an appropriate representation in each of the four award categories and to enhance the prospects for more unique projects, the Awards Committee may opt to reclassify a nomination from the award category in which it was submitted to another applicable category. The prime consultant on projects subject to reclassification shall be contacted for concurrence before judging.

III. **NOMINATION EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

The awards committee will consider only those nominations which conform to the following general requirements:

- A. The nominated project must be completed between January 1 and December 31 of the prior year.
- B. The nomination form, supporting documentation and District endorsement must be submitted to FICE by March 7, 2017.
- C. To be recognized in an Outstanding Project Award category, nominated consulting engineering firms must have been members in good standing of FICE during the calendar year preceding the nomination deadline.
- D. A project may be nominated for an award only one time.

Nominations for each of the award categories may be evaluated and graded on the following criteria:

- 1. Complexity of project
- 2. Scheduling challenges
- 3. Innovative concepts
- 4. Cost-saving measures employed and savings realized
- 5. Public involvement, acceptance and support of project
- 6. Minimization of negative community, business and traffic impacts
- 7. Partnering of project team members and stakeholders
- 8. Functionality of project
- 9. Aesthetics
- 10. Environmental impacts/benefits
- 11. Sustainability
- 12. Containment of construction cost overruns and time extensions
- 13. Technical/Engineering challenges overcome
- 14. Improvements to safety of facility users

Note: During any award nomination cycle, the Committee may modify or eliminate any of the above evaluation criteria or introduce new criteria as deemed appropriate. Revised nomination evaluation criteria will be published by FICE at least 60 days prior to the nomination deadline.

IV. **SUBMITTAL OF NOMINATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

- A. Project nominations must be submitted using the online nomination form accessible from the FICE Outstanding Project Awards homepage ([click here](#)). Specified limitations in the length of descriptions and narratives must be adhered to.

- B. The completed nomination form, project photo, supporting documentation, and District endorsement must be submitted to FICE (cpinsky@fleng.org) as a single PDF document.
- C. An administrative processing fee of \$299, paid by the consultant, must be submitted to FICE with each nomination package on or before March 7, 2017. Make payment of \$299.00 application fee electronically using a charge card by clicking the “Register Online” button on the FICE Outstanding Project Awards homepage ([click here](#)), or by using page 4 of the nomination form to submit payment. Mail payment to:

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