



ABC Massachusetts 2025 Excellence in Construction Awards Judges' Responsibilities

Judges for ABC Massachusetts' Excellence in Construction Awards represent a cross section of the professionals from the A/E/C and building owner communities, including owners/developers, architects, engineers and contractors. The panel typically consists of 6 members.

To help ensure the credibility of the program, the judging process is independent of ABC; ABC staff and/or current members do not serve as judges.

For both the awards submission and the judging, we use an on-line platform. Judges will be able to log-on to the site and review and score the entries individually. We expect the entries to be available for individual review during the 3rd week of September and judges will be provided with log-in information. We will also provide instructions and are available to assist. After their individual review of the entries, the judges will then meet for a group session, where they compare scores and come to a consensus on which projects will receive awards. We are planning to hold the group session virtually in late September, date to be set when the panel is confirmed.

Judging criteria is based on a 100-point system which looks at several areas, including project description and scope, narrative, overall presentation, safety, photography, owner references, and involvement by ABC members, and other criteria. Based on the panel's decision, projects can earn either a first-place Eagle Award or a second-place Merit Award. Entries can also be considered for a Sustainable Building Award, which recognizes outstanding achievements in green/sustainable construction, and for a Safety Excellence award, for a project that demonstrates outstanding safety efforts or achievements.

The judges have full discretion in determining the award winners. Based on past results, about 60 percent of entries win awards. We expect up to 20 entries. Depending on the final number, we may divide the entries among two judging teams.

Judges have said they generally spend 10-12 hours in total individually reviewing and scoring the entries. We anticipate the group session to take about 2 hours.

ABC staff, while not involved in the actual judging, will facilitate the group session and be available to assist judges and answer questions.

This year, we are planning to hold an in-person awards presentation on November 6 at the Four Points Sheraton in Norwood, MA. We hope you can join us. At the event, the judges will be recognized for their contributions to our awards program. Any questions can be directed to Carol Faiola or Greg Beeman at carol@abcma.org or greg@abcma.org. Thank you very much!