

# **AGC NM Best Buildings Contest Rules:**

The Best Buildings competition is open to AGC general contractors and specialty contractors for projects completed in New Mexico between [December 1, 2023, and November 1, 2024.](#)

## **Entries MUST include the following**

- The entry form MUST be submitted by an ACTIVE AGC New Mexico Building Branch member
- The entry form (please use the original format).
- A narrative describing HOW the entry meets each of the following criteria. Approximately THREE (3) pages—not to exceed (5) FIVE pages.
- Nominations that apply for 'Additional Categories' MUST include a tailored narrative for each category.
- A one-page summary explaining WHY the project should receive an AGC Best Buildings award per each category.
- **THE NARRATIVE PARAGRAPH MUST BE WRITTEN IN THE "CONTRACTOR VOICE," OR NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** If your narrative includes the project mission or basis of design, please expand and reflect on the contractors' role in achieving that mission.

## **Criteria MUST be addressed even if not applicable (N/A)**

1. **Meeting the challenge of a difficult job.** Please identify the unique and difficult challenges this project posed and the steps your firm took to overcome those challenges. Such as how you overcame challenging site access, unexpected circumstances, use of new materials, or any other challenges to complete the project successfully.
2. **Excellence in project management.** Please explain how your firm managed the project to ensure on-time and on-budget delivery. This could include using innovative approaches and project management techniques to manage the complex construction process better. Was partnering utilized? Were value engineering proposals used? Elaborate on your project delivery method and how it benefited the Owner, and provide information about roles & responsibilities.
3. **Contractor's innovation in construction techniques or materials.** Please explain the steps your firm took to incorporate innovative construction practices with this project (examples could include using innovative construction techniques, materials, or technologies). Explain why you decided to use those innovative practices and how their use helped with the ultimate success of this project. Please include any data or other metrics you have that support your points.
4. **Contractor's state-of-the-art advancement technology.** Please explain what new technology was used and how it helped complete the project.
5. **Contractor's sensitivity to the environment and surroundings.** Explain the project team's steps to protect the nearby natural and built environments during construction. Identify any measures the team took that go beyond the minimum required. Explain why the team took those steps and provide any data demonstrating the success of those measures.
6. **Excellence in client service.** What steps did the project team take to provide the highest possible level of client service, including setting and meeting expectations and helping make the construction process as easy as possible for the project owners and all other groups with a stake in the project's success? Provide client references or testimonials if possible. (**Specialty Contractors:** Excellence in service to prime contractor: How did you meet or exceed the prime contractor's expectations?)

7. **Contractor's contribution to the community.** What steps did the project team take to improve the local community during construction? For example, did the team make additional enhancements to the nearby community as part of the project? Did the team take steps to recruit and train local workers, partner with local school groups, or participate in any philanthropy projects related to the project?
8. **Safety Excellence: Identify risk factors and explain any innovative safety and health programs used.** Please describe the steps the team took to ensure the health and safety of every worker on the job site, the safety of any stakeholder and the general public, and the results of those steps. And explain what steps the project team took to inspire everyone involved to deliver the highest quality project possible. No project with a safety-related fatality, regardless of contractor or trade, is eligible to receive consideration for a Best Buildings Award.

### **Required Submission Format**

**Packaging**—Each entry must be submitted in a separate three-ring binder (the pages must be easily removable for photocopying). You may send electronic versions to supplement your hard copy, but a hard copy version in a three-ring binder is required.

**Photos**—Each entry must include **a minimum of 10 color photos.** **Recommended:**

- Should reflect the construction process or support the judging criteria [from start to finish](#)
- Captioned Photos—recommended

[All photos must be submitted electronically. Please send non-embedded photos. Digital photos can be submitted on a USB Drive or through Dropbox \(Kat will provide a link upon request\). ALL images must be in a high-resolution jpeg format in 300 dpi resolution \(for production purposes\). Also, please provide your company's logo. EPS format preferred.](#)

**Supplements**—Entries may include slides, [drone footage](#), [time-lapse videos](#), videos (no more than eight minutes), media coverage, letters of recommendation, and other supplementary materials.

### **Nomination FEES**

- **\$150 per project entry**
- **\$70 per each additional category**
- **Please include payment with this application.**
- **Make Checks payable to**  
AGC NM  
Best Buildings Entry Form  
1615 University Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

**Remember: Each entry must meet the contest rules. You must write a narrative one-page summary of why this project should receive a Best Buildings Award for each additional category.** For example, if your project, you select multiple categories such as 20 million and over, LEED Certifiable, and Design Build. You will have three separate narratives with specific examples of why it qualifies for the 20 million and over, one on why it qualifies for the LEED certifiable category, and one on why it qualifies for the Design-Build category.

While these submissions are not concerned with typos or grammatical errors, please edit your document to ensure it is print-ready material.

*AGC NM reserves the right to use, in any manner it deems appropriate and without compensating entrants for such use, any or all parts of entries to promote or publicize the AGC Best Buildings awards.*

# 2025 Best Buildings Contest

**DEADLINE: January 20, 2025**

(Winners will be recognized at the AGC annual Best Buildings Awards banquet at Sandia Resort & Casino - May 30, 2025)

Name of Project \_\_\_\_\_ Dollar Value \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Project Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

General Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Engineer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

LEED Consultant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Subcontractor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please attach a list of all subcontractors and contact information to this application.)**

Project Delivery Method \_\_\_\_\_  New Construction  Renovation

*(Note: Project must be completed between December 1, 2023 and November 1, 2024)*

What was the percentage of the volume of work performed by your field personnel on this project?

Was there a Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Owner of this project?  Yes  No

Were there any fatalities on this project?  Yes  No *(Note: No project with a safety-related fatality, regardless of contractor or trade, is not eligible to receive consideration for an AGC Best Buildings Award.)*

**Please check the Appropriate Category:**

**Building (\$20 million and over)**

**Building (\$10 million to \$20 million)**

**Building (\$5 million to \$10 million)**

**Building (\$2.5 million to \$5 million)**

**Building (under \$2.5 million)**

**Federal and Heavy**—a completed project for the Corps of Engineers, Air Force, General Services Administration; any flood control or prevention project for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Reclamation; and any industrial plant construction.

**Municipal and Utilities**—a completed project related to water and wastewater. Underground utility, site preparation, and other types of public works construction such as public facilities, gas, water, sewer, or electrical. Construction or rehabilitation is typically underground but is not all-inclusive and may be open, cut, or trenchless.

**Construction Management/CMAR**—a completed project using the Construction Management project delivery system with a guaranteed price OR a completed project using the Construction Management project delivery system where the CM has fiscal responsibility. Elaborate on your project delivery method and how it benefited the Owner, and provide information about roles & responsibilities.

**Design-Build**—a completed project using the Design-Build project delivery system. Elaborate on your project delivery method and how it benefited the Owner, and provide information about roles & responsibilities.

**Environmental Enhancement**—a completed project that included wetland mitigation, groundwater clean-up, or a reclaimed or remediated environmentally contaminated site (e.g., brownfield, superfund, illegal dumping site, or abandoned mine).

**LEED Certifiable Project (MUST HAVE APPLIED OR BEEN CERTIFIED THROUGH USGBC/GBCI)** a description of how design and construction best-utilized cost-effectiveness in the use of energy in the building, how recycled materials were used and other "green building" initiatives employed. *Judges will seek unique Contractor-led innovations that enhance the project's LEED performance.*

**Outstanding Specialty Work**—a portion of a project performed by a *specialty subcontractor* with complex challenges. Can include mechanical, electrical, masonry, exterior and interior finish systems (EIFS), site preparation, floor covering, finish carpentry, glazing, or any other specialty work performed by subcontractors.

**Public Private Partnership (P3)**—a completed project demonstrating the benefits of combined expertise and financing through public-private partnerships. Explain how public works investments were expanded through joint resources.

**Please return the completed entry form with the complete submittal to  
AGC NM, 1615 University NE, ABQ, NM, 87102, by [January 20, 2025](#).  
If you have additional questions, contact Katrina Soto at 505-842-1462 [ksoto@agc-nm.org](mailto:ksoto@agc-nm.org)**

*AGC NM is not responsible for returning entries nor for loss of or damage to entries. You, therefore, are urged not to submit indispensable originals. AGC NM, its members and staff, and its selected panel of judges do not assume or accept any liability for any error, omission, or claim arising from this awards program, including, but not limited to, loss or damage in transit or storage, misinterpretation by members these rules, loss of or damage to reputation or prospective business advantage or any consequential damage as a result of any of the foregoing.*