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**SUBJECT:** 2019 USACE Engineering and Construction Awardees

**CATEGORY:** For Information.

1. **Purpose.** This Engineering and Construction Bulletin (ECB) provides a listing of the awardees for ALL the 2019 Award Programs sponsored by the Engineering and Construction (E&C) Community of Practice (CoP).

2. **Our Awardees for 2019 are:**

a. Elvin R. "Vald" Heiberg III Engineer of the Year Award:

**Lauren A. Borochaner of the Jacksonville District**

Website: <https://apps.usace.army.mil/sites/TEN/Lists/awards/AllItems.aspx>.

POC: Kenny Simmons – [kenneth.c.simmons@usace.army.mil](mailto:kenneth.c.simmons@usace.army.mil)

b. Construction:

(1) Hard Hat of the Year: **David (Dave) L. Obermeyer - Alaska District**

(2) Construction Management Excellence:

**Frances (Genie) E. Wachter of the Rock Island District**

Website: <https://apps.usace.army.mil/sites/TEN/Lists/awards/AllItems.aspx>

POC: Kenny Simmons – [kenneth.c.simmons@usace.army.mil](mailto:kenneth.c.simmons@usace.army.mil)

c. Cost Engineer of the Year:

**Dustin L. Sawyers of the Huntington District**

Website: <https://apps.usace.army.mil/sites/TEN/Lists/awards/AllItems.aspx>

POC: Tracy Leeser – [tracy.t.leeser@usace.army.mil](mailto:tracy.t.leeser@usace.army.mil)

d. Dam Safety:

(1) Tommy Schmidt Dam Safety Professional of the Year:

**Wade Anderson of the Tulsa District**

(2) Dam Safety Team Award of Excellence:

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**Post Hurricane María, Guajataca Dam Response Team –  
Jacksonville District & Risk Management Center**

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POC: Jacob Davis – [jacob.r.davis@usace.army.mil](mailto:jacob.r.davis@usace.army.mil)

e. Levee Safety:

(1) Levee Safety Professional of the Year: **Shane K. Cline of the Portland District**

(2) Levee Safety Team Award of Excellence:

**Risk Communication Team of the New Orleans District**

Website: <https://apps.usace.army.mil/sites/TEN/Lists/awards/AllItems.aspx>  
POC: Jamie McVicker – [jamie.l.mcvicker@usace.army.mil](mailto:jamie.l.mcvicker@usace.army.mil)

f. Value Engineering/Value Management

(1) USACE Value Engineering Professional of the Year:

**Sean F. Dawson of the Baltimore District**

(2) Value Engineering Rising Star Award:

**Marcelo Maier of the Portland District**

**Corey D. White of the Louisville District**

(3) Value Engineering Achievement Awards Organization Category:

**Inland Navigation Design Center (INDC)**

(4) Value Engineering Achievement Awards Special Category:

**Pittsburgh District (CELRP)**

**Inland Navigation Design Center (INDC)**

**Mississippi Valley Division (CEMVD)**

Website: <https://veawards.erdcdren.mil/>  
POC: Jeffery Hooghouse – [jeffery.t.hooghouse@usace.army.mil](mailto:jeffery.t.hooghouse@usace.army.mil)

g. Architect/Interior Designer of the Year

(1) Architect of the Year: **Carissa M. Brown of the Kansas City District**

(2) Interior Designer of the Year: **Lauren M. Houpt of the Huntsville Center**

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Website: <https://profawards.erdc.dren.mil>  
POC: Scott Wick – [scott.c.wick@usace.army.mil](mailto:scott.c.wick@usace.army.mil)

h. Landscape Architect of the Year:

**Daniel P. Brock of the Huntington District**

Website: <https://profawards.erdc.dren.mil>  
POC: [Kevin Holden – kevin.s.holden@usace.army.mil](mailto:Kevin.Holden@usace.army.mil)

i. Structural Engineer of the Year Award:

**Cameron P. Chasten of the Philadelphia District**

Website: <https://profawards.erdc.dren.mil>  
POC: Christopher Westbrook – [Christopher.h.westbrook@usace.army.mil](mailto:Christopher.h.westbrook@usace.army.mil)

j. CAD/BIM Professional of the Year:

**Chris A. Afdahl of the St. Paul District**

Website: <https://profawards.erdc.dren.mil>  
POC: [Jason Fairchild – jason.c.fairchild@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jason.Fairchild@usace.army.mil)

k. Geospatial COP Professional of the Year Award:

**Michele R. Aurand of the New Orleans District**

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POC: Nancy Blyler – [nancy.j.blyler@usace.army.mil](mailto:nancy.j.blyler@usace.army.mil)

l. The Timothy Skeen Geotechnical Professional of the Year Award:

**William A. Rochford of the Chicago District**

Website: <https://apps.usace.army.mil/sites/TEN/Lists/awards/AllItems.aspx>  
POC: Marty Goff – [marty.goff@usace.army.mil](mailto:marty.goff@usace.army.mil)

m. HH&C Professional of the Year Award:

**Brantley A. Thames of the Nashville District**

Website: <https://go.usa.gov/x9hbM>  
POC: Sean Smith – [sean.l.smith@usace.army.mil](mailto:sean.l.smith@usace.army.mil)

n. Resilience Role Model of the Year, Climate Champion Awards:

(1) Resilience Role Model:

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**Lake Ontario Coastal Resiliency Team (Joshua Unghire, Andrew Hannes, Bryan Hinterberger, Paul Cocca, Weston Cross & Colleen O’Connell)**

(2) Climate Champion Award:

**Ariane O. Pinson from the Albuquerque District**

(3) Climate Champion - Team Award:

**Climate Change and the Federal Columbia River Power System Team (Seungwoo Chang, Keith Duffy, Christopher Frans, Jennifer Gervais, Jeremy Giovando, Evan Heisman)**

Website: <https://apps.usace.army.mil/sites/TEN/Lists/awards/AllItems.aspx>

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3. **Update.** This guidance does not affect higher level documents and does not require updating existing requirements.

4. **Points of Contact.** HQUSACE point of contact for this ECB are listed above for each program.

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