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:**
      
      **Laureen 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

   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
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   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

   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:**
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

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.erdc.dren.mil/
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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
h. Landscape Architect of the Year:

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

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

i. Structural Engineer of the Year Award:

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

Website: [https://profawards.erdc.dren.mil](https://profawards.erdc.dren.mil)
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j. CAD/BIM Professional of the Year:

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

Website: [https://profawards.erdc.dren.mil](https://profawards.erdc.dren.mil)
POC: Jason Fairchild – jason.c.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

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

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

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m. HH&C Professional of the Year Award:

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

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

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

(1) Resilience Role Model:
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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