SUBJECT: 2020 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 2020 Award Programs sponsored by the Engineering and Construction (E&C) Community of Practice (CoP).

2. **Our Awardees are:**

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

      **Edward C. Vincent of the Louisville District**


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

   b. Construction:

      (1) Hard Hat of the Year: **Timothy J. Davey of the Omaha District**

      (2) Construction Management Excellence:

      **Timothy R. Phillips of the Honolulu District**

      Website: [https://apps.usace.army.mil/sites/TEN/Lists/awards](https://apps.usace.army.mil/sites/TEN/Lists/awards)

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

   c. Cost Engineer of the Year:

      **George S. Chartouni of the Chicago District**

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      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:

      **Sarwenaj Ashraf, P.E. of the Fort Worth District**

      (2) Dam Safety Team Award of Excellence:
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**Kansas City District Dam Safety Team**

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POC:    Jacob Davis – jacob.r.davis@usace.army.mil

**e. Levee Safety:**

1. Levee Safety Professional of the Year:

   **Brad J. Arcement of the Vicksburg District**

2. Levee Safety Team Award of Excellence:

   **Louisville District Pipes Engineer Manual Team**

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   POC:    Jamie McVicker – jamie.l.mcvicker@usace.army.mil

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**f. Value Engineering/Value Management**

1. USACE Value Engineering Professional of the Year:

   **Arnecia N. Williams of the South Pacific Division**

2. Value Engineering Rising Star Award:

   **Autumn N. Ziegler of the Jacksonville District**

3. Value Engineering Achievement Awards Wild Duck Category:

   **John L. Madison of the Vicksburg District**

4. Value Engineering Achievement Awards Special Category:

   **Corey D. White of the Louisville District**  
   **Amy Jo Riffee of the Huntington District**

5. Value Engineering Achievement Awards Project Category:

   **U.S. Development Area, Al Dhafra Air Force Base, United Arab Emirates - Trans-Atlantic Division**

6. Value Engineering Achievement Awards Team Category:

   **Enterprise Value Study for the Southern Border Barrier System - South Pacific Border District**
APSI Fuel Receipt and Distribution Upgrades Team, Yokota Air Base, Japan - Japan District

Website: https://veawards.erdc.dren.mil/
POC: Jeffery Hooghouse – jeffery.t.hooghouse@usace.army.mil

g. Architect/Interior Designer of the Year

(1) Architect of the Year: Jah-Ras M. Hodge of the Baltimore District

(2) Interior Designer of the Year: Jessica O’Bryan of the Louisville District

Website: https://profawards.erdc.dren.mil
POC: Scott Wick – scott.c.wick@usace.army.mil

h. Mechanical Engineer of the Year

Joseph Bush Jr. of the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory

Website: https://profawards.erdc.dren.mil
POC: Timothy Paulus - Timothy.M.Paulus@usace.army.mil

i. Electrical Engineer of the Year

Charles R. Malone of the Huntsville Engineering Center

Website: https://profawards.erdc.dren.mil
POC: Dawn Carney - Dawn.M.Carney@usace.army.mil

j. Fire Protection Engineer of the Year

Raymond P. Schmid of the Los Angeles District

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POC: John Wilkus – john.w.wilkus@usace.army.mil

k. Structural Engineer of the Year Award:

Eric O. Johnson of the Rock Island District

Website: https://profawards.erdc.dren.mil
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l. Bridge Safety Engineer of the Year Award:

Phillip W. Sauser of the Philadelphia District

Website: https://profawards.erdc.dren.mil
m. CAD/BIM Professional of the Year:

William J. Bonenberger of the Baltimore District *

*Note: Awarded Posthumously

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POC: Jason Fairchild – jason.c.fairchild@usace.army.mil

n. Geospatial Professional of the Year Award:

Paul A. Deatrick of the Louisville District

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o. The Timothy Skeen Geotechnics Professional of the Year Award:

Richard B. Pinner of the New Orleans District

Website: https://apps.usace.army.mil/sites/TEN/Lists/awards
POC: Marty Goff – marty.goff@usace.army.mil

p. HH&C Professional of the Year Award:

Ann M. Banitt of the Saint Paul District

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

q. Climate Preparedness and Resilience Awards:

(1) Resilience Role Model of the Year Award:

Melissa J. Reynolds of the Jacksonville District

(2) Climate Champion Award:

Jessica H. Podoski of the Honolulu District

r. The Chief of Engineers Awards of Excellence Program
(1) **St. Louis District - Honor Award**

Calhoun Point Habitat Restoration and Enhancement  
Calhoun County, Illinois

(2) **St. Louis District - Honor Award**

Vancill Towhead Dredging Reduction and Habitat Creation  
Wolf Lake, Illinois

(3) **Louisville District - Honor Award**

Cannelton Miter Gate Replacement  
Cannelton, Indiana

(4) **Baltimore District – Merit Award**

Canine Training Facility  
US Secret Service, JJ Rowley Training Center  
Laurel, Maryland

Website: [https://ceawards.erdc.dren.mil/default.aspx](https://ceawards.erdc.dren.mil/default.aspx)  
POC: Scott Wick – scott.c.wick@usace.army.mil

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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