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SUBJECT: 2021 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 2021 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:

Daria Van Liew of the Baltimore District

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

POC: Kenny Simmons – kenneth.c.simmons@usace.army.mil

b. Construction:

(1) Hard Hat of the Year:

Rexford Smith of the Nashville District

(2) Construction Management Excellence:

Ryan Sands of the Fort Worth District

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

POC: Kenny Simmons – kenneth.c.simmons@usace.army.mil

c. Cost Engineer of the Year:

Jim Vermillion of the Louisville District

Website: <https://ceyawards.erdc.dren.mil/>

POC: Tracy Leeser – tracy.t.leeser@usace.army.mil

d. Dam Safety:

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

Edward Stowasser of the Huntington District

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(2) Dam Safety Team Award of Excellence:

Dam Safety Communication Training Team led by the Levee Safety Center in the Mississippi Valley Division

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e. Levee Safety:

(1) Levee Safety Professional of the Year:

Katelyn Noland of the Levee Safety Center

(2) Levee Safety Team Award of Excellence:

Walla Walla District Levee Safety Team

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POC: Jacob Nienaber - jacob.m.nienaber@usace.army.mil

f. Value Engineering/Value Management

(1) USACE Value Engineering Professional of the Year:

Autumn Ziegler of the Jacksonville District

(2) Value Engineering Rising Star Award:

Patricia Devine of the New England District

(3) Value Engineering Achievement Awards Special Category:

Innovative Applications of VE: Dyke Marsh and Steam Sterilization Plant, Baltimore District

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

g. Architect of the Year:

Douglas Kohns of the Huntsville Center

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h. Interior Designer of the Year:

Heather Kimbrow of the Fort Worth District

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POC: Scott Wick – scott.c.wick@usace.army.mil

i. Landscape Architect of the Year:

Gary A. Harden of the Kansas City District

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POC: Jack Milazzo – john.w.milazzo@usace.army.mil

j. Mechanical Engineer of the Year:

Shawn Crossfield of the Baltimore District

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POC: Timothy Paulus - Timothy.M.Paulus@usace.army.mil

k. Electrical Engineer of the Year:

Marshall Miles of the Kansas City District

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POC: Dawn Carney - Dawn.M.Carney@usace.army.mil

l. Fire Protection Engineer of the Year:

Vu Nguyen of the Louisville District

Website: <https://profawards.erdc.dren.mil>

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

m. Control System Engineer of the Year:

James Walters III of the Louisville District

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POC: Joe Bush – joseph.bush@usace.army.mil

n. Structural Engineer of the Year Award:

Christopher B. Strunk of the Tulsa District

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- o. Phillip W. Sauser Bridge Safety Engineer of the Year Award:

Adrian A. Kollias of the Philadelphia District

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- p. CAD/BIM Professional of the Year:

Bryan J. Dirks of the St. Louis District

Website: <https://profawards.erdc.dren.mil>

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

- q. Geospatial Professional of the Year Award:

Julie Vicars of the Vicksburg District

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POC: Nancy Blyler – nancy.j.blyler@usace.army.mil

- r. Geotechnical, Geology, & Materials

- (1) The Timothy Skeen Geotechnics Professional of the Year Award:

Dr. Michael Navin of the St. Louis District

- (2) The Early Career Geoprofessional of the Year Award:

Stefan Flynn of the Rock Island District

- (3) The Instrumentation and Performance Monitoring Professional of the Year Award:

Daniel Scott Massa of the Nashville District

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POC: Marty Goff – marty.goff@usace.army.mil

- s. HH&C Professional of the Year Award:

Angela M. Duren of the Northwestern Division

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t. Climate Champion Award:

Dr. Boris (Dan) Hernandez of the Southwestern Division

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u. Resilience Role Model of the Year Award:

Dr. Christopher Frans of the Seattle District

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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 points of contact for this ECB are listed above for each program.

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