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SUBJECT: 2026 USACE Engineering and Construction Awards Nomination Requirements

CATEGORY: For Information.

1. **Purpose.** This Engineering and Construction Bulletin (ECB) provides suspense dates, updates to the awards program, and the link to eligibility criteria and submission requirements for the Chief of Engineers Award of Excellence Program (AEP) and all awards sponsored by the Engineering and Construction (E&C) Community of Practice (CoP).

2. **Applicability.** The Chief of Engineers AEP & E&C CoP Awards nominations share a common suspense date of 1 May 2026. The Chief of Engineers AEP nominations require the local Commanding Officer's endorsement before the 1 May suspense date. For the E&C CoP Awards, the Major Subordinate Command (MSC) review and endorsement have the suspense date of 29 May 2026. Awardees for both programs will be announced in July.

3. **The Chief of Engineers AEP.** This award program recognizes excellence in design, construction, and sustainability achievement by the USACE Geographic Districts, Centers, Laboratories and Field Operating Activities. The recognized projects and professional works should reflect a wide range of skills, innovation and commitment to deliver quality projects for our nation and the Armed Forces. Additionally, these awards demonstrate an enhanced commitment to our Communities of Practice as the basis for our technical leadership.

a. Award Levels

- (1) Chief of Engineers Award of Excellence
- (2) Honor Award
- (3) Merit Award

4. **E&C CoP Awards Program.** This award program recognizes USACE employees & teams' contributions of excellence in performance, leadership, professional development, and support throughout the fields of Engineering and Construction.

a. Sponsored award categories:

- (1) Architect of the Year
- (2) Bridge Safety Engineer of the Year Award
- (3) CAD/BIM Professional of the Year
- (4) CAD/BIM Team Award of Excellence

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- (5) Civil Engineering Professional of the Year
- (6) Civil Engineering Team Award of Excellence
- (7) Construction Management Excellence
- (8) Control System Professional of the Year
- (9) Cost Engineer of the Year – MILCON
- (10) Cost Engineer of the Year – Civil Works
- (11) Dam Safety Team Award of Excellence
- (12) The Early Career Geotechnics Professional of the Year Award
- (13) Electrical Engineer of the Year
- (14) Fire Protection Engineer of the Year
- (15) Geospatial Professional of the Year Award
- (16) Gil Valla Mechanical Engineer of the Year Award
- (17) Hard Hat of the Year
- (18) HH&C Professional of the Year Award
- (19) Infrastructure and Installation Resilience CoP Professional of the Year * NEW*
- (20) Infrastructure and Installation Resilience CoP Team of the Year *NEW*
- (21) Instrumentation and Performance Monitoring Professional of the Year
- (22) Interior Designer of the Year
- (23) Landscape Architect of the Year
- (24) Levee Safety Professional of the Year
- (25) Levee Safety Team Award of Excellence
- (26) Materials Engineer of the Year
- (27) Quality Professional of the Year (Engineering)
- (28) Quality Professional of the Year (Construction)
- (29) Quality Team of the Year

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- (30) Resilience Role Model Award (Individual)
- (31) Resilience Role Model Award (Team)
- (32) Section 408 Professional of the Year
- (33) Structural Engineer of the Year Award
- (34) The Timothy Skeen Geotechnics Professional of the Year Award
- (35) Tommy Schmidt Dam Safety Professional of the Year
- (36) USACE Value Engineering Achievement Award (Program/Project)
- (37) USACE Value Engineering Achievements Award (Team)
- (38) USACE Value Engineering Professional of the Year

b. Changes to the award program:

(1) The E&C and Chief of Engineers AEP Awards Program timelines have shifted to align with the Engineer of the Year award, OPOD 2026-40 (USACE Civilian Annual Award), and leverage results of the DPMAP review process for award nominations.

(2) The Infrastructure and Installation Resilience (IIR) Community of Practice (CoP) is introducing two new award categories this year: one recognizing an individual and the other honoring an outstanding team.

(3) The nomination form now includes additional required fields for the awards plaques to streamline the administrative processes ahead of the awardee announcement.

5. **Awards website.** The Chief of Engineers AEP and the E&C CoP Awards Program are collocated on the same website: <https://eandcawards.erdcdren.mil>

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

7. **Points of Contact.** HQUSACE point of contact for this ECB is Jansen Moon, CECW-EC, (202) 380-6681.

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