

# 2005 Engineering Excellence Awards



**The Georgia Engineering Alliance invites you to submit entries to its 2005 EEA competition.**

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*Call for Entries*

## PURPOSE

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## GENERAL CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Projects should demonstrate excellence in engineering, focusing on new application of existing techniques, originality, and innovation. The project should provide a major contribution to technical, economic and social advancement.
2. Any engineering firm is eligible to enter the Georgia awards program. Engineering firms' entries must be submitted to the Georgia Engineering Alliance/Engineers Week Project Awards Committee through a participating engineering organization, i.e. ACEC/G, ASAE, ASCE, GSPE, etc.
3. Each entry should be submitted to the Georgia Engineering Alliance in accordance with the rules in this booklet and the official ACEC entry kit (<http://www.acec.org/engineeringexcellence/callforentries05.pdf>) – Please see *Submission Requirements*, page 5.) The Georgia Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) competition is provided in conjunction with the American Council of Engineering Companies EEA competition requirements. Should a company choose to submit their entry to their respective organization's local or national competition, it should contact the applicable organization for further details.
4. Projects executed anywhere in the world which have been designed in Georgia are eligible.
5. Construction of projects must have been substantially completed and ready for use between November 1, 2002 and October 31, 2004 or studies or surveying and mapping projects must have been publicly disclosed by the client between November 1, 2002 and October 31, 2004.
6. An official entry form and notebook and an envelope containing submission materials as indicated under the section on *How to Submit an Entry* must accompany each entry. Complete entry submittal information is included in the entry notebook. Non-compliance with the rules will automatically disqualify an entry. Please read requirements thoroughly.
7. The Engineers Week Project Awards Committee reserves the right to determine eligibility of all entries.

## HOW TO SELECT YOUR PROJECT

When deciding on your entry, keep in mind that 25% of the score will be for original or innovative application of new or existing techniques. Other scoring will be for future value to the engineering profession and perception by the public (20%), social/economic and sustainable design considerations (15%), complexity (20%) and exceeding the owner/client's needs (20%).

## WHY YOU SHOULD ENTER

As a winner in the 2005 Engineering Excellence Awards competition, your company will be making an investment in its marketing program. Participating firms receive invaluable exposure among the engineering community as well as clients. All award-winners will be publicized on the Engineers Week website ([www.engineersweek.com](http://www.engineersweek.com)) and in their respective organization's publications. All winning projects and their submitting firms will be listed in the E-Week Banquet program and will receive their awards at the E-Week Banquet. Press releases will announce winning firms to the media throughout Georgia. The Atlanta Business Chronicle is expected to feature winning entries in February 2005 and The Georgia Engineer magazine will feature all winners in the February/March *Celebrating Engineering* issue. Clients may be invited by your firm to the E-Week Banquet and honored with an Engineering Excellence plaque. You will create the opportunity for in-house public relations activities, such as highlighting the award-winning project in your firm's brochures, newsletters, trade show exhibits and other promotional materials.

## HOW TO SUBMIT AN ENTRY

You should register your representative to attend the free *How to Enter* seminar at the Georgia Engineering Center to be held on Friday, September 24, 2004 (12:00 P.M.) and submit your firm's Notice of *Intent to Enter* form (page 4) and entry fee to the Georgia Engineering Alliance by November 3, 2004. You may phone in the name of your representative. This seminar will last approximately one hour, and your representative will see a sample notebook. Questions will be answered on preparation of the narrative and other requirements. A 2004 Engineering Excellence Award entry kit with official notebook will be available at the seminar or after your Intent to Enter form is received. The kit will include:

- ✂ An official entry form which gives complete information on criteria, entry requirements and judging.
- ✂ An official entry notebook (with diagrams and layout information).
- ✂ Guidelines for preparation of a successful entry.

If you choose not to attend the *How To Enter* seminar, please call the Georgia Engineering Center office for instructions.

#### *Submission Requirements:*

The following three main components must be submitted with the EEA competition entry:

- I. Official Entry Notebook
- II. Envelope Containing Submission Materials
- III. Photographic Display Panel (not required for Georgia competition; however Georgia award winners who choose to compete in ACEC's national competition will be required to submit a display panel.)

For complete instructions for submission requirements, please review the ACEC *Call for Entries* thoroughly and note that the **only** exceptions for the Georgia competition are: a display panel is not required, and local entries will not be judged in accordance with ACEC categories. Should there be any discrepancy among guidelines, please refer to the ACEC *Call for Entry* submission requirements (<http://www.acecga.org/Events/2005/Engineers Week/EEA.htm>) or contact Gwen Brandon (404-521-2324).

\*Note to Consulting Engineering Firms: Award winning projects of members of the American Council of Engineering Companies (and non-member consulting engineering or surveying firms) may qualify to submit an entry to ACEC's national competition. If they choose to do so, a 30" x 30" display panel will be required. The Georgia Engineering Excellence competition will **not** require a panel for its competition. Judging will take place approximately four weeks prior to the ACEC national deadline in order for state winners to have a panel made for the national competition. Entries submitted to ACEC **must** pre-qualify as a state finalist.

#### **DEADLINES**

Friday, September 24, 2004, 12:00 p.m.:

##### ***How to Enter Seminar***

By November 3, 2004:

**Notice of Intent to Enter** form and entry fee to the Georgia Engineering Center

By Friday, November 12, 2004:

**Notebook Entries** submitted to:

Georgia Engineering Alliance/  
E-Week Project Awards Committee  
(c/o the Georgia Engineering Center)

By December 8, 2003:

##### **Project Judging**

Friday, January 14, 2005

\*ACEC National Competition Deadline

Saturday, February 26, 2005

##### **E-Week Awards Banquet and Engineering Excellence Gala Event**

April 11, 2005

\*ACEC Awards Presentation and Reception  
Washington, D.C.

#### **ENTRY FEE**

A fee of \$250 must accompany the *Notice of Intent to Enter* (page 4). Please note that the *Notice of Intent to Enter* is for Georgia Engineering Alliance purposes only and is not the official entry application. The official entry application is included in the national ACEC *Call for Entries* (<http://www.acec.org/engineeringexcellence/callforentries05.pdf>).

#### **AWARDS**

Entries will be judged on merit among all other entries. The Grand Award winner and other state winners will be selected from among the highest scoring projects.

#### **JUDGING**

If more than 20 submittals, entries will be short-listed by the Engineers Week Project Awards Committee. The committee will select those projects that most accurately meet entry requirements in accordance with the judging guidelines. The resulting short-list will be provided to a panel of judges, composed of engineers, clients, media representatives and community leaders. Judges will select one Grand Award winner for the State of Georgia, which is the highest scoring project in the competition. State winners are those projects that scored highest in descending order from the Grand Award. The judges may also grant at their discretion other award categories. There may be approximately five State Award winners, at the sole discretion of the judges. The Grand Award and State winners may be eligible for entry in the national competition sponsored by ACEC in Washington, D.C. The judges will also select Honor Awards for other projects that were not State winners but deserve recognition.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**, contact Gwen Brandon at the Georgia Engineer Center, (404) 521-2324.

**2005 ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER FORM**

The Official Entry Application Form will be included in the entry kit. Entry kits will be available at the *How To Enter* seminar to be held at noon on Friday, September 24, 2004 or call Gwen Brandon at the Georgia Engineering Center after September 24 for instructions.

**Notice of Intent to Enter Form is requested by November 3, 2004** with fee of \$250 per entry. Please make check payable to the Georgia Engineering Alliance. Mail to: The Georgia Engineering Center, Equitable Building, Suite 2150, 100 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Entering Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Contact Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project and Location \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Client's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Gwen Brandon at the Georgia Engineering Center to register your representative(s) for the *How To Enter* seminar: (404) 521-2324 FAX (404) 521-0283 E-Mail Address: [gwen.brandon@gaengineers.org](mailto:gwen.brandon@gaengineers.org).

**CELEBRATE YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!**

**Plan to Join Us for the E-Week Awards Banquet and Casino Night – an Engineering Excellence Gala Event!**

Saturday, February 26, 2005

The Carlos Center

2500 Clairmont Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30329

*An elegant space so authentic you can almost hear the waves of the Mediterranean.*