

## INSTRUCTIONS



**AGC SOUTH DAKOTA**  
HIGHWAY-HEAVY-UTILITIES CHAPTER  
THE CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION

## AGC OF SOUTH DAKOTA

# BUILD SOUTH DAKOTA AWARD

The Build South Dakota Award recognizes South Dakota's best highway-heavy-utilities construction projects in four different size categories: **(1) Less than \$1 million, (2) \$2.5 million to \$10 million, (3) \$10 million to \$25 million, (4) greater than \$25 million.** All AGC of South Dakota contractor members, including **primes and subcontractors are eligible to win** and are strongly encouraged to participate in the award nomination process!

A panel of AGC members judge nominations on items including: state-of-the-art advancement, excellence in project management and client service, innovation in construction techniques or materials, community/area relations, sensitivity to the environment and other factors. **\*\* Please note... If your submission is chosen as an award finalist, you will be given the opportunity to better present your project orally in-person or via conference call to the judging panel. (10 minutes or less!) \*\*** A **plaque is presented to the winner in each category** at the State Convention and at one or both of the Spring Membership Meetings. In addition, **each winner receives a \$500 check made out to the charity of their choice.** The AGC of South Dakota also prepares **individual press releases** announcing the winners and their selected charity.

Entries **must include a completed Nomination Form, a brief letter or testimonial of approval from the owner of the project and a one to two page narrative** describing why your project should receive recognition and key points that make your project truly unique considering the following criteria:

- Meeting the challenge of a difficult job: What were some of the challenges your team had to overcome and how were they overcome?
- Excellence in project management: How did you manage the project team? Was partnering utilized, value engineering proposals developed, etc.?
- Contractor's innovation in construction techniques or materials: Did your team find a new way to solve an old problem?
- Contractor's state-of-the-art advancement: Was any new or innovative technology employed on the project?
- Sensitivity to environment and surroundings: Were there environmental impact or community/area concerns? If so, how were these concerns alleviated?
- Excellence in client service: How did you meet or exceed your customer's expectations?

- Contractor’s contribution to the community: How did your company get involved in the local community/area or with community/area service during this project? Did the project receive positive media exposure? If so, please elaborate.
- How did your company promote the AGC during the project? (For example: AGC logo on equipment, job signs, hardhats, etc.)
- How did your company deal with safety on the job site? Were there any safety incidents during the project?

*In addition, all firms submitting entries should consider the following items:*

- **Although not a requirement, entries should include photos** to highlight the construction process, the finished project or other items that help illustrate the aforementioned criteria. A few photos or a short video if you prefer, of special techniques or unique conditions that make the project outstanding are most helpful.
- **Other supplementary material** may include **press clippings** about the project, **letters of commendation**, and programs from **special events related to the project** (ground breakings, ribbon cuttings, etc.)
- **Completeness and accuracy are important; sophisticated or “slick” presentations are not critical!** You need not hire a professional to compile your entry – your own staff will be most familiar with the project.
- **Small and large projects and prime and subcontractor entries will be considered equally** – it is the uniqueness that determines winners.
- Nominations **must be submitted by principals or officers of firms or with their permission** on or before the date listed on the Nomination Form.
- **Projects must be completed in the current year**, however it is understood that projects may overlap from one year to the next. Your project may not be totally complete at the time of submission. Please check with the AGC office prior to final submission.
- The requirements for the AGC of South Dakota Build South Dakota Award generally follow similar criteria used for the AGC of America Build America Awards. Therefore, **award winners may wish to consider resubmitting their project for recognition at the national level.**



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 BUILD SOUTH DAKOTA AWARD**

*NOMINATION FORM*

**Deadline: December 8, 2023**

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title \_\_\_\_\_

Project Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location \_\_\_\_\_

Date Project Started \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Our firm was a Prime Contractor \_\_\_ Sub-Contractor \_\_\_ on this project (Check one)

Size of Project - (Check one):

\_\_\_ Less than \$2.5 Million, \_\_\_ \$2.5 Million - \$10 Million, \_\_\_ \$10 Million to \$25 Million, \_\_\_ Greater than \$25 Million

Project Description:

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**Submission Checklist:** (all of these items must accompany the submission to be considered for an award. All incomplete submissions will not be considered)

<input type="checkbox"/> Completed Nomination Form (this form) (i.e. SDDOT/City of _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter/testimonial of approval from the project owner
<input type="checkbox"/> One to two page project narrative	<input type="checkbox"/> If chosen as a finalist, are you available to orally present (in-person or via zoom) your project to the judging panel?

**Return this Nomination Form, to be received no later than December 8, 2023:**

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