



# PROJECT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



## INTRODUCTION

GBA is excited to announce its new Project Award of Excellence. With this prestigious award, GBA will recognize some of the most outstanding projects by its members who live and demonstrate the vision of GBA to great accomplishment. Winners of this award will truly showcase their hard work and contributions to society in front of their peers, clients and other professionals in North America.

### GBA will consider:

- Entries from any of its core disciplines: Geo-Environmental Engineering, Construction Materials Testing, or Geotechnical Engineering
- A variety of projects. Examples include: Flood Protection (dams and levees), Marine/Coastal, Transportation, Intermodal, Rail, Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Research, Ground Improvement, Forensics, Landfill, Brownfields, Mining, Remediation, Restoration, etc.

## SELECTION PROCESS

- Entries will be judged based on the following criteria:
  - Application of lessons learned from GBA membership.  
*For example: projects awarded to and/or managed by emerging leader active in GBA, exceptional risk management, use of GBA forms or ideas, etc.*
  - Creativity and innovation.  
*For example: New technology, Emerging Issues and Trends discussed at meetings such as data management, etc.*
  - Quality of deliverables.  
*Such as reports and designs including emphasis on quality assurance and loss prevention.*
  - Leveraged project impacts.  
*Such as sustainability, community improvement, awards.*
- One winner will be selected from each of the following categories:
  - Niche Category - less than \$10M construction cost.
  - Grand Category - more than \$10M construction cost.
- GBA will designate a panel of 3 impartial individuals from Member Firms and the Council of Fellows to judge the entries.



## SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

- Application deadline: March 8, 2021
- ONLY projects that are designed and constructed between January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2021 can be accepted as entries.
- Firms may submit multiple entries per category
- Each entry submission must include the following:
  - Application
  - Photographs (20 maximum)
  - Representative Report(s) and/or design drawing(s)
  - Construction cost amount
- Firms must submit a \$75.00 fee with each Project Award of Excellence entry
  - Make check payable to:  
Geoprofessional Business Association  
15800 Crabbs Branch Way, Suite 300  
Rockville, MD 20855
  - If paying by credit card, contact Sara Menase at 301-565-2733
- **Submit the Application Form via e-mail:**
  - info@geoprofessional.org
- Questions: Contact Sara Menase at 301-565-2733 or sara@geoprofessional.org

## WINNER RECOGNITION

- One representative for each winning entry will be:
  - Recognized during GBA's 2021 Spring Conference Annual Awards Ceremony.
  - Presented with a plaque commemorating this meritorious achievement.  
*(additional plaques may be order at firms' expense).*
  - Extended complimentary registration to GBA's 2021 Fall Conference at the Westin Lake Las Vegas Resort in Henderson, NV and will receive two nights complimentary room/tax accommodations.
  - Offered an opportunity to present a session at the 2021 Fall Conference to discuss their project and the client's experience.
  - Acknowledged in GBA's NEWSlog, conference materials, social media and on GBA's website.

## AWARD LIMITATIONS

- Entries become the property of GBA and cannot be returned.
- GBA is not responsible for lost or damaged entries.
- Attempts to contact or influence judges is grounds for disqualification.
- Decisions made by the judges are final with no recourse for objection.
- Unsuccessful firm entries are encouraged to re-apply for the following year's award.
- Judges for the award may not be affiliated with any firm that submits an entry for the award.

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## APPLICATION

NAME of the Client (if not confidential)

TOTAL FEE FOR GEOPROFESSIONAL FIRM

PROJECT START DATE

PROJECT END DATE

PROJECT TITLE

PROJECT LOCATION

TOTAL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COST

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (maximum 500 words)

PROJECT MANAGER NAME

TITLE (include all designations)

FIRM NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

E-MAIL

SHORT BIOGRAPHY (maximum 250 words)



## APPLICATION CRITERIA

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LESSONS LEARNED FROM GBA MEMBERSHIP (maximum 500 words)

CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION (maximum 250 words)

QUALITY OF DELIVERABLES (maximum 250 words)

PROJECT IMPACTS (maximum 250 words)

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