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2027 WOODWARD L. VOGT PROJECT EXCELLENCE AWARD

INTRODUCTION

GBA is excited to announce the 2027 Woodward L. Vogt Project Excellence Award. With this prestigious award, GBA will recognize the most outstanding project by its members who live and demonstrate the vision of GBA to great accomplishment. Winners of this award will showcase their hard work and contributions to society in front of all of their peers, clients and other professionals from across North America.

- GBA will consider entries from any of its core disciplines: Geo-Environmental Engineering, Construction Materials Testing, or Geotechnical Engineering.
- GBA will consider a variety of projects. For example: Flood Protection (dams and levees), Marine/Coastal, Transportation, Intermodal, Rail, Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Research, Ground Improvement, Forensics, Landfill, Brownfields, etc.
- Special emphasis on the application of GBA risk management, loss prevention, innovation, creativity, quality, client management, and safety, is recommended.
- The size of the project is not a consideration. A small project or a small scope of services on a large project can win the award.

SELECTION PROCESS

- GBA will judge entries based on the following criteria.
  - Application of lessons learned from GBA membership. For example: projects awarded to and/or managed by emerging leaders 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.
- GBA will select one winner from the applications.
- GBA will designate up to five impartial judges from Member Firms and the Council of Fellows.

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SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

- Firms must submit $75 with each Outstanding Project Award entry (Firms can submit more than one entry). The application fee covers the cost of processing and promotion.
- GBA only accepts entries for projects that are at least 90% constructed and fully designed between January 1, 2024, and January 1, 2027.
- Application deadline: January 15, 2027
- One complete electronic entry with:
  - Application
  - Photographs (2 to 8)
  - Representative deliverables (e.g. report, drawing)

WINNER RECOGNITION

- GBA will recognize the winner at its Annual Conference Awards Ceremony.
- The winner will receive a plaque commemorating this meritorious achievement at the conference. Firms may order duplicates at their own expense.
- The winner will receive one complimentary registration and accommodation at GBA's 2027 Fall Leadership Summit.
- Winners may present their project in a GBA program session to discuss the project and client experience.
- GBA will recognize the winner on its website, NEWSlog, conference materials, and other marketing channels.

AWARD LIMITATIONS

- GBA will not return entries.
- GBA is not responsible for lost or damaged entries.
- GBA will disqualify members that attempt to contact or influence judges.
- The judges' decisions are final. There is no protest process. GBA encourages unsuccessful firms from previous years to re-apply for the 2028 award.
- The judges will not be affiliated with the award applicants' companies.

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APPLICATION

GBA MEMBER FIRM

CONTACT NAME **E-MAIL** **PHONE**

PROJECT NAME

NAME OF THE CLIENT (If not confidential)

PROJECT LOCATION

PROJECT START DATE (month, year) **PROJECT END DATE (month, year)**

TOTAL FEE FOR THE PROJECT FOR GBA MEMBER FIRM

ESTIMATED TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST OF PROJECT

NAME & JOB TITLE OF PROJECT MANAGER FOR GBA MEMBER FIRM (please include credentials)

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SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF PROJECT MANAGER (Limit 250 words)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Limit 300 words)

SCOPE OF SERVICES THAT THE GBA MEMBER FIRM PROVIDE ON THIS PROJECT (Limit 200 words)

PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS

Please attach a PDF with 2 - 8 photographs of the project (project site, work on the project, deliverables, etc.) with a brief description of each photo.

PROJECT DELIVERABLES

Please attach a PDF with examples of one to three project deliverables such as report or drawing.

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CRITERIA

All information provided below should focus on the efforts and work of the GBA member firm and not on other firms that worked on the project. Please clearly indicate where the discussion is about the efforts of the overall design team, the overall project, or other firms working on the project.

USE OF GBA SOURCES

Provide specific information on how the GBA member firm used GBA resources and tools on this project. Mention which specific GBA resources or tools were used and how. (Limit 500 words) - 30 Points

CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION

Describe the creativity and innovations used by the GBA member firm to improve the project and reduce risks. Please do not include anything that was not done by the GBA member firm (i.e., innovations by other firms that worked on the project). (Limit 400 words) – 25 points

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QUALITY OF DELIVERABLES

Discuss the internal and/or external QA/QC processes used by the GBA member firm to monitor or improve the quality of their work and to reduce risks for the GBA member firm and their client. (Limit 400 words) – 20 points

PROJECT IMPACTS

Discuss the impact of the project on the community and the GBA member firm. (Limit 500 words) – 25 points