



ACEC *Indiana*

PROJECT PARTNER AWARD

2026

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Award Intent

The Project Partner Award is designed to formally recognize a firm (**Project Partner**) that demonstrated exceptional performance by strategically leveraging an opportunity on a specific project to significantly exceed the expectations of the prime.

This is a performance-based award, distinct from a typical project award, as it focuses specifically on the Project Partner's contribution to the project team and their successful execution of a particular role or challenge, rather than the overall project outcome alone. ***It is assumed in that in this context, the Project Partner was selected as a subconsultant to not only bring existing skills to the team, but also to obtain mentoring from the prime consultant and gain meaningful experience through the work performed on the project, potentially enabling them to grow their business and win work as a prime in the future.***

Eligibility

- An entry can be submitted by any firm in the state of Indiana.
- This award is open to non-ACEC Indiana members.
- The team's partnership/ project may have been executed anywhere in the world, but a substantial role of the Project Partner must have been completed by personnel in an Indiana office.
- If the Project Partner and prime/client relationship centered on a singular project, **the Project Partner's scope of services must be substantially complete by Dec. 31, 2025.**
- If the Project Partner firm won this award in the previous year, that firm cannot submit the following year with the same prime partnership.

Scoring Criteria for Judges

The following four criteria are what the judges look for and rate submitted projects accordingly.

Criteria 1-4 will be weighted at 25 percent of the scoring system. Note: No score will be given to the letter of endorsement as it is a mandatory entry requirement; however, the judges will read this letter.

- Success in the areas (schedule, scope, budget, submittals, etc.) where the Project Partner went above and beyond on the project.
- Significant unique contributions the Project Partner added to the team's performance on a specific project.
- Demonstrated partnership by Project Partner.
- Additional Considerations such as: earning a new pre-qualification, developing a new skill set, or gaining valuable mentoring, or providing services or approach with unique benefits to the client, owner or public.

ENTRY CRITERIA

- Letter of endorsement from prime.
- Provide **full anonymity for the Project Partner firm** (example: "Project Partner A"). The submitter may identify the prime and any projects.
- Suggested word count range of 200-400 words per each of the four categories.
- Provide a narrative that describes how the Project Partner approached the project while considering these questions as well as exceeding the prime's expectations:
 - Success in the areas (schedule, scope, budget, submittals, etc.) where the Project Partner went above and beyond on the project.
 - Significant unique contributions the Project Partner added to the team's performance on a specific project.
 - Demonstrated partnership by Project Partner.
 - Additional Considerations such as: Did this help the subconsultant earn a new pre-qualification, new skill set, or gain valuable mentoring? Did the subconsultant's services or approach provide unique benefits to the client, owner or public?

ENTRY FEE

\$50 entry fee for ACEC Indiana members;
\$300 entry fee for non-ACEC Indiana members.

Questions? Contact Shelby Dunn at sdunn@acecindiana.org or 317-637-3563

**ENTRY DEADLINE
TUESDAY, FEB. 24, 2026**

