

Best Projects of 2011

A panel of 15 judges from all walks of the industry, from architects to subcontractors, examined the 130 entries received this year (more entries than any other region in the U.S.) and selected a primary winner in each of 18 categories. The judges also selected a number of awards of merits.

This is our 14th year of producing the awards, and this year was particularly competitive because all of the region's states were judged together, unlike in past years where we held separate awards in each state. Regardless of which projects received awards this year, every project team that submitted should be extremely proud of the work that they produced, especially given the difficult economic climate.

In addition to the awards below, one project will win top honors as the best overall project of the Southwest. The three finalists for this award are indicated below, but the overall winner will be named at a later time.

Best Civil Works/Infrastructure Project

Glendale Water Supply Improvement Project, Reno. Submitted by Q&D Construction (also a finalist for the best overall award)

Award of Merit: Arcadia Drive Drainage Improvements, Phoenix. Submitted by Hunter Contracting Co.

Best Cultural/Worship Project

V. Sue Cleveland High School Phase 2 - Fine Arts Center and Orchestra Hall, Rio Rancho, N.M. Submitted by Van H. Gilbert Architect PC

Award of Merit: McCormick Stillman Railroad Park - Model Railroad Building, Scottsdale. Submitted by Holly Street Studio

Best Government/Public Building Project

Chandler City Hall, Chandler, Ariz. Submitted by Sundt Construction, Inc. (also a finalist for the best overall award)

Award of Merit: Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Services Complex, Isleta, N.M. Submitted by Rohde May Keller McNamara Architecture, P.C.

Award of Merit: Windmill Library and Services Center, Las Vegas. Submitted by Martin-Harris Construction

Best Green Building Project

White Tank Branch Library and Nature Center, Waddell, Ariz. Submitted by DWL Architects + Planners, Inc.

Award of Merit: Bonneville Transit Center, Las Vegas. Submitted by Sletten Construction of Nevada, Inc. and Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC)

Best Health Care Project

Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center, Gilbert, Ariz. Submitted by DPR Construction

Award of Merit: Diamond Children's Medical Center, Tucson. Submitted by Kitchell

Award of Merit: Tucson Medical Center Mother-Baby and Pediatrics Expansion, Tucson. Submitted by Lloyd Construction Company, Inc.

Best Higher Education/Research Project

Mesa Community College-Saguaro Building, Mesa, Ariz. Submitted by SmithGroup (also a finalist for the best overall award)

Award of Merit: Central New Mexico Community College Student Resource Center, Albuquerque. Submitted by AECOM

Best Industrial/Manufacturing Project

Coolidge Generating Station, Coolidge, Ariz. Submitted by TIC - The Industrial Company

Award of Merit: Dunn-Edwards Paint Manufacturing Plant, Phoenix. Submitted by Layton Construction Co., Inc.

Best Interior Design/Tenant Improvement Project

Polsinelli Shughart Law Offices at CityScape, Phoenix. Submitted by The Weitz Company

Best K-12 Education Project

Youngker High School Performing Arts Center, Buckeye, Ariz. Submitted by Orcutt | Winslow

Award of Merit: nex+Gen Academy- Albuquerque Public Schools, Albuquerque. Submitted by Dekker/Perich/Sabatini

Best Landscape/Hardscape/Urban Development Project

Soleri Bridge, Scottsdale. Submitted by Howard S. Wright

Award of Merit: South Arizona Avenue Corridor Improvements, Chandler, Ariz. Submitted by Achen-Gardner Construction, LLC

Best Multi-Family Residential/Hospitality Project

The Landings at Nellis, North Las Vegas. Submitted by Hunt Building Company, Ltd.

Award of Merit: Harrah's Ak-Chin Hotel Expansion, Maricopa, Ariz. Submitted by RSP Architects

Best Office Project

The Sundt Companies Headquarters, Tucson. Submitted by Sundt Construction, Inc.

Best Renovation/Restoration Project

New Mexico Junior College Pannell Library Addition and Renovation, Hobbs, N.M. Submitted by Dekker / Perich / Sabatini, LLC

Award of Merit: Community First Bank of Las Vegas, Crockett Building, Las Vegas, N.M. Submitted by Dekker/Perich/Sabatini

Award of Merit: Santa Fe Freight Depot Historic Renovation, Phoenix. Submitted by Brignall Construction Company

Best Retail/Mixed-Use Developments Project

CityScape Block 77 Retail, Phoenix. Submitted by The Weitz Company

Best Small Project

Rachel Ann Perkinson Center , Tucson. Submitted by Sundt Construction, Inc.

Award of Merit: I-40 Trail and Gail Ryba Memorial Bridge, Albuquerque. Submitted by Bohannon Huston, Inc.

Award of Merit: Mini of Reno, Reno. Submitted by Panattoni Construction, Inc.

Best Specialty Contracting Project

MCFM Solar Thermal Installations CMAR (ARRA), Phoenix. Submitted by Builders Guild Inc.

Best Sports/Entertainment Project

Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, Scottsdale. Submitted by Mortenson Construction

Award of Merit: The PIT - University of New Mexico Arena, Albuquerque. Submitted by Molzen Corbin

Best Transportation Project

SH 303L- Happy Valley Road to Lake Pleasant Parkway, Peoria, Ariz. Submitted by Austin Bridge & Road

Award of Merit: South Meadows Roadway, Bridge and Utilities Construction Project, Santa Fe, N.M.. Submitted by Gannett Fleming West, Inc.