

Awards for Excellence - 2010

Concrete Repair and Protection



To acknowledge the many significant developments and high quality projects in the concrete repair and protection area, as well as providing an excellent promotional and publicity opportunity for corporate members, ACRA is now introducing its seventh biennial "Awards for Excellence". As with previous competitions there will be a review board comprising eminent industry people judging the submissions. The awards evening will be held in Sydney later this year.

The award categories have been separated into "Residential/Commercial" and "Industrial/Marine/Civil" to highlight some of the different approaches required for working in these areas.

Award categories are open to ALL corporate members, whether from the contractor, consultant or supplier field.

In keeping with the growth of the Association's membership base and with the size and type of projects now being undertaken, two important criteria will be used in the award assessment process in addition to previous criteria. These are:

- The project must have a substantial/significant concrete repair and protection scope of work. The value of the project must be identified as well as the repair and protection component. Submissions may be ineligible if the repair and protection component is not considered by the judges to be substantial/significant.
- A letter of successfully completing the project, signed by the owner or asset manager or consultant, must accompany each submission. Please ensure that you gain approval from them to use the photos & submission for the ACRA web site and any future ACRA promotions.

Applications Close 3:30pm
1st July 2010

How to enter

Fill out the attached entry form.

Entries will be received up to but not later than the 3:30pm on 1st July 2010. Entries received after this date will not be accepted.

To be eligible for categories 3 – 8 the project or development must be substantially completed prior to 30 June 2010. Projects entered previously will only be accepted for the Long Term Performance Award where the project was completed more than 7 years ago.

The cost of entry is \$250 for the first and \$100 thereafter for any additional submissions.

Each individual entry should be forwarded to the address below in individually sealed packages.

The Executive Officer
Australian Concrete Repair Association Ltd
PO Box 452, Chester Hill NSW 2162
Phone: 02 9645 3692

Judging

Categories 3 - 8

In assessing the entries for Categories 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 the judges will take account of several factors held high in the ideals of ACRA. Judges will give consideration to the overall project, it's investigation, repair and protection solution, innovative and economic treatment of the structure, with serious consideration given to the appropriateness of the solution to the requirements of the Client. Companies entering these categories should note some comments provided by the judging panel in previous years. These were:

Relevance

Is the repair relevant to the function of the structure?

Economy

Is the repair economical compared with alternative repair techniques?

Innovation

Is the repair clever in terms of making economies or saving time or using new technology?

Difficulty

Were there any constraints that made the project difficult?

Aesthetics

Was it considered in the case of a building or heritage structure?

Client Requirements

Were the client requirements sufficiently addressed?

Affect on occupants/users

Were they sufficiently addressed?

Use of sound engineering principles and practices

What was the standard of prior investigation and analysis and design of the repairs?

Environmental

Any considerations given?

Categories 1 - 2

Entries in Categories 1 and 2 will be judged principally on their significance to the investigation, design or innovation of concrete repair and protection technology, materials, systems or design to enable a project to be undertaken and completed successfully. Companies entering these categories should note some comments provided by the judging panel in previous years. These were:

- Investigation process
- Benefit to industry
- Potential for cost savings
- Potential for export of technology
- Originality
- Savings to time programme
- Does the project support local research organisations and is there any evidence of team working between industry and research? (Benefits to universities, CSIRO, etc)
- Cost analysis
- Uniqueness of the situation

Category 9

For Category 9, long-term testing and inspection records, client testimonials, and retention of aesthetics and overall serviceability or function of the structure being maintained are key requirements. Companies entering this category should note some comments provided by the judging panel in previous years. These were:

- Serviceability/function maintained
- Long-term testing records
- Long-term inspection records
- Client testimonies
- Retention of aesthetics

Award Categories

Please tick the appropriate box for your nomination. Each ticked Box will be subject to an entry fee

<p>Category 1 - Investigation Entries are invited for excellence in the investigation and diagnosis of a concrete repair project. It may include processes used, selection of diagnostic testing, repair estimates and reporting methods</p>	
<p>Category 2 - Innovation and Design in Concrete Repair and Protection Entries are invited for innovation in all areas of concrete repair and protection</p>	
<p>Category 3 - Projects up to \$500k - Open Category Entries are invited for all projects in an open category. Entries may include the investigation, estimates, design, specification, tendering, pricing as well as the contracting works, materials supply and aesthetics.</p>	
<p>Category 4 - \$500k - \$1.0m - Residential / Commercial Similar to category 3, entries are invited for residential and commercial projects only with a total project value between \$500k and \$1m</p>	
<p>Category 5 - \$500k to \$1.0m - Industrial / Marine / Civil Similar to category 3, entries are invited for industrial, marine and civil projects only with a total project value between \$500k and \$1.0m</p>	
<p>Category 6 - \$1.0m to \$2.0m - Residential / Commercial Similar to category 3, entries are invited for residential and commercial projects only with a total project value between \$1.0m and \$2.0m</p>	
<p>Category 7 - \$1.0m to \$2.0m - Industrial / Marine / Civil Similar to category 3, entries are invited for industrial, marine and civil projects only with a total project value between \$1.0m and \$2.0m</p>	
<p>Category 8 - \$2.0m and above - Open Category Similar to category 3, entries are invited from all areas</p>	
<p>Category 9 - Long-term Performance Entries are invited for projects completed more than 7 years ago that have achieved long term durability and performance</p>	
<p>Category 10 - Repair Industry Excellence Award* The judges will present this award to an entry from any of the categories above which, through its outstanding achievement or contribution to the repair industry, promotes the goals of the association and its members.</p>	

*Please note that all entries in all categories will be judged for the Repair Industry Excellence Award and this requires no extra application or fee. This award will only be given if the judges deem it appropriate.

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Concrete Repair and Protection -Entry Form

Company Trading name			
Authorised Contact Person			
Company Postal Address			
Business Telephone No.		Mobile:	
Business Facsimile No.			
Email			
Project Title			
Address of Project			
Client			
Consultant			
Contractor			
Main Supplier			

* Please note that only the contributions of Corporate ACRA members will be mentioned on the awards evening

Project Description

Provide a brief outline of the project in up to 250 words for each of the following sections

Final Project Value	
Project completion date	
Background / History of Project	
Were other ACRA members Involved?	
What investigations were carried out?	

Project Description

Provide a brief outline of the project in up to 250 words for each of the following sections

<p>How was the project tendered /awarded?</p>	
<p>Outline any particular constraints / difficulties</p>	
<p>How were the above overcome?</p>	

Project Description

Provide a brief outline of the project in up to 250 words for each of the following sections

Did the project add extra value for the client?	
How were estimates, costs and quantities handled, and were they within expectations?	
Was there a good outcome for all parties involved?	
Client referee contact details	

Please Note:

For judging purposes only, supplementary information will be accepted (no more than 1000 words) on the project, making particular reference to the special ways in which the project was innovative or posed difficulty in execution, timing etc. Similarly, information relating to a project development or system development including patent applications, research data or technical publications will be accepted.

Additional Information

- The closing date for all entries will be at **3:30pm on Thursday, 1st July 2010**. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

**All entries should be posted to
The Executive Officer
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PO Box 452
Chester Hill NSW 2162**
- The cost of the first entry is \$250.00. Each additional entry thereafter will cost \$100. Payment should be made by cheque to: **Australian Concrete Repair Association Ltd.**
- You are required to provide a CD with up to 24 relevant photos of your project in .JPG format. You are also required to provide 2xA4 sheets with a montage of 4 of the best photos on each sheet. These photos may be used on the awards night and on the ACRA website and other ACRA promotions.
- Drawings, prints and sketches describing the project or system for your submission entry must be submitted folded to A4 Size, Prints of simplified drawings of approximately A4 size may also be submitted.
- Entries submitted previously in 1998, 2000, 2004, 2006 and 2008 will not be accepted again for the same category. They can however, be submitted for the long term performance category if completed more than 7 years ago.
- Awards of Merit will be awarded in each of the categories. More than one award of merit may be given in any category. A single award of excellence will be awarded in each of the categories if the judges consider the entry to be of a high enough standard to be worthy.

We would like to wish you all the very best with your entry submissions. If you have any comments or queries regarding the awards or the submissions, please do not hesitate to email us at info@acrassoc.com.au