AWARD INTENT
ACEC Indiana recognizes that nearly 1/3 of its membership is comprised of XBE firms. The intent of this award is to recognize an XBE firm that leveraged an opportunity to exceed their client or owner's expectations. This is a performance-based award, rather than a project-based award, that recognizes the XBE's contribution to the team on a specific project. This recognition may not be awarded each year as the submission must meet a threshold criteria.

ELIGIBILITY
An entry can be submitted by any firm in the state of Indiana certified by an government agency or private entity as a D/ M/W/VBE. This award is open to non-ACEC Indiana members. The team's project may have been executed anywhere in the world, but a substantial role of the XBE must have been completed by personnel in an Indiana office.

ENTRY DEADLINE
Online entry submission must be completed by: Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, at midnight.

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

ENTRY CRITERIA
- Letter of endorsement from client or owner. (A prime firm may serve as the client.)
- Provide a narrative that describes how the XBE approached the project while considering these questions as well as exceeding the clients expectations:
  - Success in the areas (schedule, scope, budget, submittals, etc.) where the XBE went above and beyond on the project.
  - Significant unique contributions the XBE added to the team’s performance on a specific project.
  - Demonstrated partnership by XBE.
  - Additional Considerations such as: Did this help the XBE earn a new pre-qualification, new skill set, or gain valuable mentoring? Did the XBE’s services or approach provide unique benefits to the client, owner or public?

SCORING GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING
The following four criteria are what the judges look for and rate submitted projects according. 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.
1. Success in the areas (schedule, scope, budget, submittals, etc.) where the XBE went above and beyond on the project.
2. Significant unique contributions the XBE added to the team’s performance on a specific project.
3. Demonstrated partnership by XBE.
4. 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.

QUESTIONS?
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