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## National Qualifications-Based Selection Awards

### Call For Nominations – 2016 QBS Awards

**Date:** May 11, 2016

**To:** ACEC M.O. Presidents  
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NSPE State Executive Directors

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**Subject:** Nominations for 2016 QBS Awards  
**Deadline: July 8, 2016**

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Every year, ACEC and NSPE partner to administer the QBS Awards, recognizing public and private entities that make exemplary use of the qualifications-based selection process at the federal, state and local levels. QBS Award winners serve as examples of how well the QBS process works, and they help ACEC and NSPE promote the practice of QBS in jurisdictions that do not use, or underutilize, QBS to procure engineering services.

**ACEC and NSPE are now seeking nominations for the 2016 QBS Awards. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, July 8, 2016.** A simple nomination form is attached for your use.

#### **Three QBS Awards**

A maximum of one QBS Award shall be presented in each of the following categories:

- Federal Government Sector
- State Government Sector
- Nongovernment Sector

Nominations may come from an ACEC Member Organization, an NSPE State Chapter, a public or private entity, or an individual in the public or private sector. Self-nomination is also permitted.

Nongovernmental entities and individuals eligible for nomination include, but are not limited to, private corporations, privately funded research labs, private utility companies, design professionals, construction contractors, developers, and any nongovernmental entity that uses design professionals' services on a regular basis.

Governmental entities eligible for nomination include, but are not limited to, federal governmental departments or agencies, state governmental departments or agencies, municipalities, local governments, school districts, university systems, public utility systems, publicly funded research laboratories, and special purpose districts.

### **Mandated and Non-Mandated QBS**

Public entities operating under mandated QBS procedures (the federal Brooks Act or state "mini-Brooks laws") are eligible to receive the QBS Award if they have demonstrated exceptional leadership in using qualifications-based selection. However, nominations for public entities that use QBS where no legal mandate applies will receive priority consideration if all other criteria are rated equally.

### **Recognition at the 2016 ACEC Fall Conference**

The QBS Award winner(s) will have an opportunity to receive an engraved trophy and will be recognized during the 2016 ACEC Fall Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Travel and lodging expenses will be reimbursed by ACEC subject to ACEC's policies and as permitted by law.

In addition to the QBS Awards, the QBS Awards program generally designates up to four Merit Award winners, who will each be presented with a plaque at a state-level event.

Since the QBS Awards is a joint awards program, coordination between the appropriate NSPE and ACEC state organizations is very critical. Therefore, please consult with the appropriate NSPE State Society and ACEC Member Organization before seeking a nominee's consent for consideration. Please then be sure to consult your nominee and obtain his, her, or the organization's consent before submitting your nominee for consideration. Nominations should be sent to ACEC at the address on the following form. Electronic applications may be sent to [ckim@acec.org](mailto:ckim@acec.org).

**PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT EMPLOY A TWO-ENVELOPE PROCUREMENT PROCESS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THIS AWARDS PROGRAM.**

This nomination form must also be submitted, for purposes of providing notice only, to both the ACEC Member Organization and the NSPE State Chapter in which the nominee's office is located.

If you have any questions, please contact Charles Kim of ACEC at [ckim@acec.org](mailto:ckim@acec.org).

Thank you for your interest in qualifications-based selection.

Attachment: Nomination Form



## NOMINATION FOR THE 2016 ACEC/NSPE QBS AWARD FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONAL PROCUREMENT PRACTICES

PLEASE CONSULT WITH THE APPROPRIATE NSPE STATE SOCIETY AND ACEC MEMBER ORGANIZATION BEFORE SEEKING A NOMINEE'S CONSENT FOR AWARD CONSIDERATION.

PLEASE THEN CONFIRM YOUR NOMINEE'S CONSENT FOR AWARD CONSIDERATION BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS FORM. NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO ACEC AT THE ADDRESS BELOW.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT EMPLOY A TWO-ENVELOPE PROCUREMENT PROCESS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THIS AWARDS PROGRAM.

ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS MAY BE SENT TO [CKIM@ACEC.ORG](mailto:CKIM@ACEC.ORG) .

THIS NOMINATION FORM MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED, FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING NOTICE, TO BOTH THE ACEC MEMBER ORGANIZATION AND THE NSPE STATE CHAPTER IN WHICH THE NOMINEE'S OFFICE IS LOCATED.

DEADLINE: **FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016**

1. Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Category:

\_\_\_\_\_ Federal Governmental

\_\_\_\_\_ State Governmental

\_\_\_\_\_ Nongovernmental

2. Key Candidate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did a QBS facilitator meet with the candidate? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

QBS facilitators are individuals who provide education to public owners on the merits of using QBS to procure design professional services, and provide assistance on implementing a qualifications-based A/E selection process.

Name of QBS facilitator: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please provide a brief narrative explaining why this public entity/private entity/individual is a candidate for a QBS Award:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Describe the nominee's selection procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Is the procedure a written policy? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
**(If yes, please include a copy of the policy.)**

8. How long has the selection process been used? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Does the process cover: Architects \_\_\_\_\_ Engineers \_\_\_\_\_ Land Surveyors \_\_\_\_\_

10. Who administers the selection procedure? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. Is the person a: PE \_\_\_ AIA \_\_\_ PLS \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

12. Who makes the final decision on which design professional is chosen?

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13. Is QBS government-mandated? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

14. Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature, name, and affiliation of person submitting this nomination:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAIL OR EMAIL TO:

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