



## ***2017 Excellence in Irrigation Awards Program***

### **ENTRANT ELIGIBILITY**

Any individual, firm, agency or academic institution is eligible to enter, as long as one of the project's main participants qualifies under one of the following classifications:

- Professional Members, Associates, and Affiliates of the American Society of Irrigation Consultants
- Full-time Student of irrigation design program
- Academia
- Government Agencies

### **ENTRY SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

The entry deadline is **Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 5:00 PM EST.**

### **AWARDS**

**HONOR AWARD:** The highest award in each category.

**MERIT AWARD:** An award of recognition of superior professional accomplishment.

Multiple awards may be given in each category at the discretion of the jury. The jury reserves the right not to make an award in any or all of the categories.

**JURY:** Each year's submissions will be judged by a jury of knowledgeable and nationally recognized members of academia, irrigation consultants, industry members or public agency officials.

#### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:**

Awards will be presented at the American Society of Irrigation Consultants Annual Conference. Award Recipients are encouraged to invite the client to attend the Awards Presentation.

### **ENTRY FORMAT**

*All categories require the following:*

#### **SUBMITTAL FORMAT**

Entries must be prepared in a single PDF document and be submitted via the Excellence in Irrigation entry & project submittal form found [HERE](#)

- Maximum size - 10 Mb.
- Maximum number of pages - 20 total.
- Remove authorship and/or all reference to the firm of individual's name from the properties of the presentation.

**PAGE #1**

On page #1, clearly state and summarize the following:

- Project name and location.
- Project purpose: list requirements, scope, philosophy and intent.

**PAGE #2**

On page #2, clearly state and summarize the following:

- Role of the irrigation consultant/entrant vs. role of other participants, including owner/client and collaborators.

**PAGE #3**

On page #3, clearly state and summarize the following:

- Special factors: explain the project's uniqueness and any unusual challenges.
- Significance: briefly describe the project's potential to positively impact the public perception of the irrigation profession. Explain how the project meets judging criteria.

**PAGE #4 (OPTIONAL TEXT PAGE)**

On page #4, the entrant has the option of providing one page of text describing the project.

**IMAGE PAGES (OPTIONAL)**

Entrants are encouraged but not required to prepare image/photo pages to support their entry.

Image/ photo guidelines:

- 1 image/photo per page
- Photos of site prior to installation if available
- An irrigation plan
- Overall and detail area of project
- Detail area plans and/or sections
- Identify images and graphics with a brief description on each page.

The presentation should be all inclusive of the project. The jury will review each project using the PDF provided and descriptive data only.

**PROJECT NARRATIVE (FINAL TEXT PAGE)**

Entries must include a project narrative (200 words maximum). It will be used to present the project in the event that it wins an award. The narrative should include:

- **PROJECT NAME AND LOCATION**
- **PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Describe requirements, scope, planning or design philosophy intent.
- **ROLE OF THE ENTRANT:** Describe the entrant's role of leadership and involvement; role of the client, public, consultants, and/or subcontractors.
- **SIGNIFICANCE:** Explain the relationship of the project to its context or surroundings, particularly in regard to the entrant's stewardship responsibilities.
- **SPECIAL FACTORS - Very Important:** Explain why the project is unique or special, plus any unusual challenges, new techniques, or budgetary constraints you encountered.

## **ENTRY CATEGORIES**

The discipline of Irrigation Consulting encompasses many diverse categories. The judging for the Awards Program will recognize outstanding design solutions in these categories for projects within and out of the United States. Large incremental projects must have completed at least the first phase to be eligible for entry. In this case, the first phase must be representative of the entire project and will be judged by the same criteria as other entries in the category. Each entry will be submitted and judged under one (only) of the following categories:

### ***Category I - COMMERCIAL & PUBLIC WORKS- SMALL PROJECTS***

Category I recognizes:

- Construction site-specific works of irrigation consulting and design for commercial or public projects. For small projects involving an individual building. Site needs to be complete to be eligible for an award.
- Design entries should exhibit a relationship to planning.
- Typical entries in this category may include: commercial facilities; institutions; reclamation and conservation.

Main Criteria for Judging Design

1. Quality of design
2. Functionalism
3. Relationship to context
4. Environmental responsibility
5. Relevance to the profession, the public and the environment

### ***Category II - COMMERCIAL & PUBLIC WORKS- LARGE PROJECTS***

Category II recognizes:

- Construction site-specific works of irrigation consulting and design for commercial or public projects. For large incremental projects involving multiple buildings. The first stage of the project must be completed to be eligible for an award.
- Design entries should exhibit a relationship to planning and a framework for larger than the immediate site.
- Typical entries in this category may include: communities and housing; urban design, streets and public spaces; transportation corridors and facilities; commercial facilities; resorts; institutions; reclamation and conservation.

Main Criteria for Judging Design

1. Quality of design
2. Functionalism
3. Relationship to context
4. Environmental responsibility
5. Relevance to the profession, the public and the environment

### ***Category III – PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND SPORT FIELD FACILITIES***

Category III recognizes:

- Construction site-specific works of irrigation consulting and design for commercial or public projects. For large incremental projects, at least the first stage must be completed to be eligible for an award.
- Design entries should exhibit a relationship to planning and a framework for larger than the immediate site.

- Typical entries in this category may include: parks and recreational facilities; gardens and sport field facilities; including: racetracks, tennis courts, baseball, softball, football, and soccer fields.

#### Main Criteria for Judging Design

1. Quality of design
2. Functionalism
3. Relationship to context
4. Environmental responsibility
5. Relevance to the profession, the public and the environment

### ***Category IV- GOLF***

#### Category IV recognizes:

- Construction site-specific works of irrigation consulting and design for golf projects. For large incremental projects, at least the first stage must be completed to be eligible for an award.
- Design entries should exhibit a relationship to planning and a framework for larger than the immediate site.
- Typical entries in this category may include: public courses, private courses, resorts, institutions, clubhouses, golf directed land development, renovation, reclamation and conservation.

#### Main Criteria for Judging Design

1. Quality of design
2. Functionalism
3. Relationship to context
4. Environmental responsibility
5. Relevance to the profession, the public and the environment

### ***Category V – RESIDENTIAL- PROJECTS LESS THAN ONE ACRE***

#### Category V recognizes:

- Construction site-specific works of irrigation consulting and design.

#### Main Criteria for Judging Design:

1. Quality of design
2. Functionalism
3. Relationship to context
4. Environmental Responsibility
5. Relevance to the profession, the public and the environment

### ***Category VI – RESIDENTIAL- PROJECTS GREATER THAN ONE ACRE***

#### Category V recognizes:

- Construction site-specific works of irrigation consulting and design for residences larger than one acre or estates.

#### Main Criteria for Judging Design:

1. Quality of design
2. Functionalism
3. Relationship to context
4. Environmental Responsibility
5. Relevance to the profession, the public and the environment

### ***Category VII - PLANNING AND ANALYSIS***

Category VII recognizes:

- The wide variety of professional activities that lead to, guide or evaluate irrigation consulting and design.
- Typical entries in this category may include: general development, programming, auditing, water management planning, government policies or programs; legislation or regulations; water use analysis; natural-resource protection, conservation, restoration, and/or reclamation plans.

Main Criteria for Judging Planning and Analysis:

1. Quality of planning and analysis
2. Functionalism
3. Relationship to context
4. Environmental Responsibility
5. Effective Use, presentation or programming of irrigation techniques
6. Opportunities for irrigation consulting to have a significant impact on the environment or environmental decision making
7. Overall relevance to the profession, the public and the environment

### ***Category VIII - RESEARCH***

Category VIII recognizes:

- Work of rigor and historical research that gives evidence of examination of a problem using accepted methods and arriving at supported and original findings or solutions of value to the profession.

Entries in this category should show the use of directed inquiry comprising of the following:

- A. Problem Statement: identification of problem to be researched;
- B. Issues: statements identifying possible relationships to be investigated;
- C. Procedure: Method of inquiry used;
- D. Results: Report of results of the research, which may include an analysis (statistical or other);
- E. Conclusions: Researcher's findings concerning significance of the results, their comparability with past research, their applicability to irrigation consulting and the need for new or further research.

Main Criteria for Judging Research:

1. The clarity and adequacy of the five steps
2. The work's overall significance and relevance to the profession
3. Quality of presentation

### ***Category IX- STUDENT/GRADUATE AWARDS***

- A review by the Jury of Junior and Senior projects to select merit and honor awards
- A review by the Jury of Graduate Student design projects to select merit and honor awards.

## **ENTRY FEES**

	ASIC MEMBER & ACADEMIA	GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	STUDENTS
PER ENTRY	\$50.00	\$0	\$0

**Payment can be made online thru the entry & project submittal form or by check.**

If you are paying by check, please make checks payable to ASIC and mail to:

American Society of Irrigation Consultants  
RE: Excellence in Irrigation Awards  
4700 S. Hagadorn  
Suite 195D  
East Lansing, MI 48823

## **ENTRY SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- Complete the Excellence in Irrigation entry & project submittal form in full [HERE](#), including verification of client/publisher acknowledging your entry.
- Use separate entry form for each project submitted.
- Ensure anonymity on all materials except the entry form.
- Project submittal documentation to conform to requirements as stated in the 2017 rules.  
**Do not submit any material not specifically requested.** A PDF containing slides 1-3 as described above is required for these submittals.
- Make sure you describe images and graphics in presentation slides.
- Documentation to be uploaded to the Excellence in Irrigation entry & project submittal form found [HERE](#).

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 5:00 PM EST.**