



**2020 ASIC EXCELLENCE IN IRRIGATION  
AWARDS PROGRAM  
OFFICIAL RULES**

**ENTRANT ELIGIBILITY**

Any individual, firm, agency or academic institution is eligible to enter a project for consideration, if 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 an irrigation design program
- Academia
- Government Agencies

**ENTRY SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

The entry deadline is **Friday, November 22, 2019 at 5:00 PM EST.**

**AWARDS**

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. 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 the categories.

Winning projects will be recognized with one of the following:

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

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

Awards will be presented at the American Society of Irrigation Consultants 2020 National Conference in New Orleans. Award Recipients are encouraged to invite the client to attend and be recognized at the Awards Presentation.

Winning projects will be profiled on our website at ASIC.org.

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

The jury has significant discretion in judging the project entries and their decision will be final. Based on past winning entries, the following may be considered when judging a project's merits:

**Design Projects--Categories I-VI**

1. Quality of design
2. Functionalism
3. Environmental diligence
4. Solutions to unique problems or circumstance
5. Consultant having impact on decision making for overall project, especially environmental
6. Consultant having expanded project role such as coordination and/or project administration
7. Relevance to the profession, the public and the environment

**Planning and Analysis—Category VII**

1. Quality of planning and analysis
2. Functionalism
3. Environmental diligence

4. Consultant having significant impact on decision making for overall project, especially environmental
5. Effective Use, presentation, or programming of irrigation techniques
6. Overall relevance to the profession, the public and the environment

#### **Research—Category VIII**

1. The work's overall significance and relevance to the profession
2. Clarity of the directed inquiry including problem statement; procedure(s); results and conclusions.
3. Quality of the presentation

### **ENTRY CATEGORIES**

The discipline of Irrigation Consulting encompasses many diverse categories. The judging for the Awards Program will recognize outstanding solutions in these categories for projects within and out of the United States. All project categories must be complete to be eligible for an award except 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 and Public Works-Small Projects**

- Construction site-specific works of irrigation consulting and design for small stand-alone commercial or public projects involving an individual (primary) building.
- Typical entries in this category may include: commercial facilities; institutions; reclamation and conservation.

#### **Category II – Commercial and Public Works-Large Projects**

- Construction site-specific works of irrigation consulting and design for large commercial or public projects involving multiple buildings.
- 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.

#### **Category III – Parks & Recreational Facilities and Sport Field Facilities**

- Construction site-specific works of irrigation consulting and design for commercial or public projects.
- 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.

#### **Category IV- Golf Courses and Facilities**

- Construction site-specific works of irrigation consulting and design for golf projects.
- Typical entries in this category may include: public courses, private courses, resorts, institutions, clubhouses, golf directed land development, renovation, reclamation and conservation.

#### **Category V – Residential Projects-Less than One Acre**

- Construction site-specific works of irrigation consulting and design for residential projects smaller than one acre.

#### **Category VI – Residential Projects—More than One Acre**

- Construction site-specific works of irrigation consulting and design for residential properties larger than one acre.

#### **Category VII – Planning and Analysis**

- 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.

#### **Category VIII – Research**

- 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.

#### **Category IX- Student/Graduate Awards**

- A review by the Jury of Junior and Senior projects.
- A review by the Jury of Graduate Student design projects.

## **ENTRY FORMAT Categories: I-VII**

Remove authorship and/or all reference to the firm of individual's name from the properties of the submittal. Documents to be submitted via the Excellence in Irrigation entry and project submittal form found [HERE](#).

The submittal is to consist of a single PDF document, broken into 4-5 sections

1. Project Overview
2. Project Narrative
3. Role of the Irrigation Consultant
4. Special Factors (optional)
5. Images

Additional information is as follows:

### **1. Project Overview**

Provide 1- 2 paragraphs to provide background information on the project site, purpose, and use. This section should not be irrigation specific, but an overview of the site noting items that make the project unique or things that would impact irrigation solutions. Items that might be included are:

- Project name and location
- Special climatic, soil or landscape issues
- Historical or landmark significance of site
- Special aesthetics or architectural significance of site
- Water use constraints or water source limitations
- Clearly stated project objectives to be achieved
- Zoning, LEED, or other mandated constraints
- Anything that makes the site or project interesting or unique

### **2. Project Narrative**

Provide 2-3 paragraphs providing information about irrigation challenges and solutions. Examples of items that might be included are:

- An overview of the irrigation system/scope
- Description of the project's potential to positively impact the public perception of the irrigation profession
- Special constraints that had to be considered
- Unique or complex solutions to problems
- New or special techniques used
- Use of recycled water, dual water sources, booster pumps, etc.
- Creation of water reservoirs, surface or subsurface
- Coordination or phasing considerations
- Collaboration with other design professionals

### **3. Role of the Irrigation Consultant**

Use 5-10 bullet points to list the scope of services provided by the consultant, such as:

- Master planning/concept development
- Bidding/Construction Plans and Specifications
- Construction observation (how often, reports, etc.)
- Field staking of irrigation equipment
- Project commissioning (provide specifics)
- Water management consulting (provide details)
- Act as coordinator or lead professional for related site work (be specific)

### **4. Special Factors (optional)**

Include additional information that impacted the work and not adequately covered in the other sections. This may include budgetary limitations, time constraints, adverse site conditions, etc.

#### **5. Images**

Include up to 20 images that best illustrate the project progress or scope. If possible, include an irrigation plan, including details. Include photos--pre, during and post construction, and if possible, at least one "beauty shot" showing the finished project. Include a short description of each image.

### **ENTRY FORMAT Category VIII Research**

Remove authorship and/or all reference to the firm of individual's name from the properties of the submittal.

Documents to be submitted via the Excellence in Irrigation entry and project submittal form found [HERE](#). The submittals are to consist of the following:

#### **A single PDF document, broken into 4-5 sections**

1. Project Overview
2. Project Narrative
3. Role of the Irrigation Consultant
4. Special Factors (optional)
5. Images

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

- Problem Statement: identification of problem to be researched;
- Issues: statements identifying possible relationships to be investigated;
- Procedure: Method of inquiry used;
- Results: Report of results of the research, which may include an analysis (statistical or other);
- 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.

Additional information is as follows:

#### **1. Project Overview (item 1 and 2 above)**

Provide 2-3 short paragraphs to state the given problem and define the objective of the research or study. Identify issues which identify possible relationships to be investigated. Include sponsor of the study if applicable. Provide the timetable for the work and if other parties were also involved.

#### **2. Project Narrative (Item 3-5 above)**

Provide 2-3 short paragraphs about the procedures or mechanics or setup of the study. Describe the steps or processes used to obtain the required information. Describe the research results and provide details of the outcome and conclusions.

#### **3. Role of the Irrigation Consultant**

Use 5-10 bullet points to list the tasks provided by the consultant as part of the research/study.

#### **4. Special Factors (optional)**

Include information that impacted the work and not adequately covered in the other sections.

#### **5. Images**

If possible, include up to 20 images that best illustrate the project progress or scope. Include a short description of each image.

## **ENTRY FEES**

	ASIC MEMBER & ACADEMIA	GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	STUDENTS
PER ENTRY	\$75.00	\$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  
404 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

## **ENTRY SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- Complete the Excellence in Irrigation entry & project submittal form in full, found [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 2019 rules. **Do not submit any material not specifically requested.** A PDF containing items described above is required for these submittals.
- Please describe any images and graphics.
- Documentation to be uploaded to the Excellence in Irrigation entry & project submittal form found [HERE](#).

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