



2023 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:

- Members and non-members
- Full or Part-time Student of a school irrigation program
- Academia
- Government Agencies

ENTRY SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Individuals must complete the [Excellence in Irrigation entry & project submittal form](#) by **Friday, December 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM EST.**

ENTRY CATEGORIES

Category I – Commercial and Public Works- Small Projects

Category II – Commercial and Public Works- Large Projects

Category III – Parks and Recreational Fields

Category IV – Golf

Category V – Residential

Category VI – Water Management, Planning and Analysis

Category VII – Research

Category VIII – Student/Graduate Work projects

AWARDS

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

Winners of the Excellence competition will be honored at the next American Society of Irrigation Consultants in-person conference. Award Recipients are encouraged to invite the client to attend to also be recognized at the Awards Presentation.

One award plaque will be presented to the entrant, plus one additional plaque for the project client or property owner. Additional plaques can be ordered at cost through ASIC.

Winning projects and the entrants will be recognized and profiled on ASIC.org. Additionally, ASIC will provide details of each winning project to nationally recognized industry publications for added marketing exposure for each award recipient.

ENTRY CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

The judging for the Awards Program will recognize outstanding solutions in these categories for projects within and out of the United States. All projects in categories I-VI must be complete to be eligible for an award except large incremental projects which must have completed design and construction for at least the first phase. 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 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 or sites.
- 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 and Recreational Fields

- Construction site-specific works of irrigation consulting and design for commercial or public projects.
- Typical entries in this category may include parks such as gardens and cemeteries, and recreational facilities such as racetracks, tennis courts, baseball, softball, football, and soccer fields.

Category IV – Golf Courses

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

Category V – Residential Projects

- Construction site-specific works of irrigation consulting and design for residential projects. Any size project will be accepted for consideration.

Category VI – Water Management, Planning and Analysis

- Covers the wide variety of professional activities including the evaluation and implementation leading to efficient and effective water management.
- Entries in this category may include site master planning and water use analysis, system programming, water management services, development of government policies or programs, legislation or regulations, natural-resource protection, restoration, and/or reclamation plans.

Category VII—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 irrigation profession.

Category VIII—Student/Graduate Projects

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

ENTRY FORMAT—Categories I-VI

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

The submittal is to consist of a single PDF document, broken into 3-5 sections.

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, architectural, or landmark significance of site
- Water use constraints or water source limitations
- 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
- Unique or complex solutions to problems or special constraints
- New or special techniques used
- Use of recycled water, dual water sources, booster pumps, etc.
- Creation of water reservoirs, surface or subsurface
- Collaboration with other design professionals

3. Role of the Irrigation Consultant or Applicant

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 (optional)

You may include up to 10 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 VII (Research)

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

The submittal is to consist of a single PDF document, broken into 4-5 sections. Entry may be prose (1-2 paragraphs maximum for each section) and/or in bullet point format.

1. **Problem Statement:** Identify or describe the project scope and intent
2. **Procedure:** Describe the method of inquiry used
3. **Results:** Present the results of the research, which may include an analysis (statistical or other)
4. **Conclusions:** Describe researcher's findings concerning significance of the results, their comparability with past research, and the need for new or further research
5. **Images** (optional)

ENTRY FORMAT—Category VIII (Student/Graduate Projects)

The submittal may be a design or research project by a student who is studying landscape or agricultural irrigation with the intent of pursuing irrigation, including education, as a career path. Entries will be judged with consideration of the grade level of the entrant. The submittal is to consist of a PDF of the completed project, plus a single PDF document, broken into 3 sections. Entry may be prose (1-2 paragraphs maximum for each section) and/or bullet point format.

1. **Problem Statement:** Identify or describe the project scope and intent
2. **Project Constraints:** Describe any special considerations that had to be given to meet the project objectives
3. **Conclusion:** Describe what was learned or reinforced in the course of completing the project

ENTRY FEES

- ASIC Member: \$75.00
- Students: \$0.00
- Government Agencies: \$0.00
- Academia: \$0.00

Payment can be made by check or credit card. Once your entry is received, you will be sent an invoice for payment. 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. 4th Street
 Royal Oak, MI 48067

ENTRY SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete the [Excellence in Irrigation entry & project submittal form](#) in full
- Use a 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 2023 rules. **Do not submit any material not specifically requested**
- Entries must be received no later than **Friday, December 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM EST**