



ASIC EXCELLENCE IN IRRIGATION AWARDS PROGRAM OFFICIAL RULES

ENTRANT ELIGIBILITY

The following candidates are eligible to submit a project for consideration;

- Any ASIC Professional Member or a Professional Consultant as [defined by ASIC](#) or
- Any of the Project's primary stakeholders
 - Irrigation Consultant
 - Owner
 - Architect

ENTRY SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Individuals must complete the [Excellence in Irrigation entry & project submittal form](#) by **the end of the second week of December.**

ENTRY CATEGORIES

Category I – Commercial and Public Works

Category II – Parks and Recreational Fields

Category III – Golf

Category IV – Residential

Category V – Water Management, Planning, and Analysis

Category VI – Existing System Evaluation

Category VII – Research

AWARDS

Entries will be evaluated by a committee of nationally recognized experts, including representatives from academia, professional irrigation consultants, industry leaders, and public agency officials.

Multiple awards may be presented in each category at the committee's discretion. The committee also reserves the right to withhold awards in any category if no submission meets the standards of excellence.

Winning projects will be recognized with one of the following:

HONOR AWARD: The highest honor in each award category

MERIT AWARD: An award of recognition of superior professional accomplishment

PROMOTION & RECOGNITION

◆ **National Recognition at the ASIC Conference**

Award recipients will be honored during the Awards Banquet at the next in-person ASIC National Conference. This event highlights the achievements of honored professionals in front of peers, industry leaders, and invited guests.

Entrants are strongly encouraged to invite their client or project owner to attend and share in recognition.

◆ **Commemorative Plaques**

Each winning project will receive **one award plaque** for the entrant selected. Additional plaques—for the client, project owner, or collaborators—may be ordered at cost through ASIC.

◆ **Featured on ASIC.org**

Winning projects will be profiled on ASIC.ORG, including project images, key highlights, and the entrant's role. These spotlights remain archived on the site and are promoted periodically throughout the year.

◆ **Industry Media Coverage**

ASIC may share details of all winning projects with nationally recognized industry publications, as well as relevant trade organizations and professional networks to which project participants belong. This helps extend recognition far beyond the association and positions the winners as leaders within the broader green industry.

◆ **Ongoing Visibility**

Winning submissions will be featured in ASIC newsletters, and social media throughout the year, helping promote innovative irrigation solutions and design excellence across the profession.

ENTRY CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

The Awards Program will recognize outstanding solutions in these categories for projects, domestic and international projects. All projects in categories I-VII 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 project may only be submitted for one of the following categories:

Category I – Commercial Projects

- Irrigation consulting and design work for commercial and institutional properties, ranging from single-building sites to large-scale developments.
- Submissions should demonstrate how the irrigation design responds to site planning, environmental challenges, and water use goals, while integrating with the broader landscape or architectural context.
- Typical projects may include:
 - Office complexes, retail centers, and hospitality developments
 - Corporate or educational campuses
 - Mixed-use developments and urban landscapes
 - Streetscapes, plazas, and transportation corridors
 - Resorts and destination properties
 - Reclamation or conservation-focused commercial sites
 - Designs may include elements such as reclaimed water systems, booster pumps, system zoning, or smart water management technologies

Category II – Parks and Recreational Fields

- Irrigation consulting and design work created for a specific construction project in a commercial or public setting.
- Typical projects may include:
 - Parks such as gardens, arboretums and cemeteries
 - Recreational facilities such as racetracks, tennis courts, baseball, softball, lacrosse, field hockey, football, and soccer fields

Category III – Golf Courses

- Irrigation consulting and design work for site-specific golf projects.
- Typical projects may include:
 - Public courses, private courses, resorts, institutions, clubhouses, water supply, golf directed land development, renovation, reclamation, and conservation

Category IV – Residential Projects

- This category includes irrigation consulting and design work for residential projects of any size, from individual homes to planned communities. Entries may demonstrate efficient water use, design creativity, and responsiveness to unique site conditions.

Category V – Water Management, Planning, and Analysis

- Recognizes a wide range of professional activities focused on achieving efficient and effective water management through analysis, planning, and implementation.
- Typical projects 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 VI – Existing System Evaluation

- Recognizes in-depth evaluations of existing irrigation systems, including operational testing, data collection, and performance analysis. Submissions should assess irrigation coverage, pump systems, control systems, hydraulics, and other system components.
- Typical projects may include:
 - Golf courses, large residences, parks, and commercial projects, campuses and HOA's

Category VII—Research

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

ENTRY FORMAT—Categories I-VI

- Redact authorship and/or all reference to the firm of individual's name from the properties of the submittal.
- Brand specific products should not be mentioned unless the product plays a unique role in the project.
- Submittals will consist of a single PDF document, broken into 3-5 sections, as outlined below.

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 should contain 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, rainwater, 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 may have impacted the work and may not be adequately covered in the other sections. This may include budgetary limitations, time constraints, adverse site conditions, etc.

5. Images (optional but recommended)

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)

- Redact authorship and/or all reference to the firm of individual's name from the properties of the submittal.
- Brand specific products should not be mentioned unless the product plays a unique role in the project.
- Submittals will 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 FEES

- ASIC Member: \$75.00
- Non-Member: \$100.00

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
PO Box 7002
Huntington Woods, MI 48070

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 above rules.
- **Do not submit any material not specifically requested.**
- Entries must be received no later than **the end of the second week In December.**

