



AGC BUILD GEORGIA AWARD

Thank you for your interest in the 2026 AGC Build Georgia Awards Program.

Information guiding **SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS** through the online nomination process is included on the following pages.

If you are NOT a specialty contractor member of AGC Georgia, please visit www.agcga.org and click on Services/Awards/Build Georgia to find our link titled "Nomination Information for **General Contractor** members."

Nomination(s) are NOT eligible if dues are not paid prior to January 30, 2026.

A dues invoice was mailed to your company's main point of contact with AGC Georgia during the first week of December 2025. To confirm we've received your firm's dues payment, please email Elizabeth Martin at martin@agcga.org.

Entry fees are non-refundable. After the nomination deadline passes, AGC Georgia will invoice the primary point of contact for your nomination. Payment can be made by credit card or check.

Questions about the content of a Build Georgia Award nomination?

Please contact

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Sample of How to Submit Photos for the 2026 AGC Build Georgia Awards Program

Each page of photos should have a title section that includes the following identifiers:

- Company Name
- Project Name
- City

Please use this format as a heading for each additional page.

Photo Here	Caption Here
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Photo Here	Caption Here

Continue for as many pages as needed to “tell” your project’s story in pictures. Beware of inserting too high of resolution photos in your native file, as that will cause the resulting PDF file you upload in the portal to be too large.



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2026
CALL for
nominations

Specialty Contractor Application

ENTRY FEE

\$900 per project

ENTRY DEADLINE

**12:00 pm on
Friday, January 23, 2026**

Late entries* are accepted
from 2:01 pm on January 23
until 2:00 pm on January 26
*Additional \$200 per entry

*No entries accepted after
2:00 pm on January 26*

Celebrating Construction Excellence

Specialty contractor members of AGC Georgia are invited to demonstrate to prime contractors and owners the pride they have working on their projects while recognizing employees for a job well done through the 2026 Build Georgia Awards Program.

This program celebrates construction excellence in our state.

General and specialty contractor members participate in the awards program by nominating one or more of their unique projects **completed in 2025**.

Please take advantage of this great opportunity to showcase your firm's talents while joining other industry leaders to celebrate the collective contributions made in improving the quality of life in the communities where you live, work and play.

Your participation can pay huge dividends to your firm, far outweighing the effort it takes to prepare your award submittal. Take advantage of this opportunity to spread the word about your firm's great work.

— Act now and start the entry process today!

BEGIN YOUR ONLINE ENTRY AT WWW.AGCGA.ORG

For quick access to AGC Build Georgia Award Program information and a link to the online nomination website, please visit www.agcga.org and click on **Services then **Awards**.*

About the Program?



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The Build Georgia Awards Program began in 1989 as an opportunity to recognize contractor members and their construction teams for outstanding performance on some of Georgia's most noteworthy construction projects. Today, the awards program is a valued service AGC Georgia provides to its member firms. Construction excellence is celebrated among peers, with owners and buyers of construction services, design team professionals and project team members.

Eligibility

- This program is open to general and specialty contractor members in good standing with AGC Georgia.
- **THIS BROCHURE IS FOR SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS.** Visit agcga.org for a General Contractor brochure, if needed.
- Project's where a contractor cannot disclose the owner, project title, contract value, etc. are **NOT** eligible. All facets of a nomination must be able to be shared in the public domain in order for a nomination to be accepted.

Which Projects Qualify?

Projects completed by an AGC Georgia specialty contractor member where the firm acted as the prime/general contractor to the owner are **NOT** eligible in the specialty contractor division of this award program.

Only projects built in Georgia and completed in calendar year 2025 by a specialty contractor member firm in one of the following disciplines can be nominated for the 2026 Specialty Contractor Build Georgia Award Program.

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| • Athletic Fields | • Finishes/Painting | • Mechanical | • Waterproofing |
| • Carpentry/Woodworking | • Fireproofing | • Roofing | • Window Treatments |
| • Concrete | • Landscaping | • Siding | |
| • Electrical | • Masonry | • Sitework | |

Benefits of Participating

1. The program provides multiple opportunities to promote your best work to the state's contractor and design community, as well as owners and buyers of construction services, thus enhancing your image and reputation in the marketplace.
2. Each nominated project receives a plaque with provided photo (electronic file supplied by entrant). After learning in mid-March 2026 if your project(s) placed in the competition, additional plaques can be purchased for \$175 each. These will be available to you in mid-June and can be given to an owner, architect, project manager, and/or superintendent as a token of your appreciation for your relationship with them.
3. Once winners are announced, feel free to cite your project(s) in your marketing materials as either first place, merit or an award program nominee to help you showcase your firm's great work.
4. Projects earning a first place award are honored at the Build Georgia Awards Ceremony at AGC Georgia's Annual Convention, (June 2-5 at the Westin Hilton Head). Awards are given to members of first place project teams in attendance.
5. All first place projects are highlighted in *Atlanta Business Chronicle's* Construction Focus, published May 29, 2026.
6. Employees appreciate having their work recognized by their firm's leadership.

How are Winners Selected and Announced?

****A panel of industry-knowledgeable judges review submittals. Their emphasis is on the construction process and challenges your team faced. They are NOT impressed by the project's aesthetics and/or amenities.**

Competing projects are grouped based on their discipline and contract amount. First place winners and merit award recipients are named for each category. AGC Georgia will communicate with the primary point for each project to share if the project earned first place, merit honors, or if it did not place.

Important Dates and Entry Fees

- * To qualify for the base entry fee, nominations must be submitted online by 12:00 pm on Friday, January 23, 2026. The late entry deadline is January 26, 2026 at 2:00 pm. This option requires an additional \$200 fee for each entry.
- * A \$900 non-refundable entry fee is applicable for each single firm nomination. After the nomination deadline passes, AGC Georgia will reach out to the primary point of contact for your nomination and request credit card payment.

Judging Criteria

In your narrative, please address how well the project meets the following criteria.

****Do NOT explain aesthetics of a project. Instead, explain how your firm provided solutions.**

- I. Exceptional project safety performance
Include safety accomplishments, your safety record and any lost time accidents.
Projects experiencing ANY work-related jobsite fatalities are not eligible.
(Relates to ALL personnel working on project - direct hires and employees GC, sub-sub, etc.)
- II. Overcoming the challenge of a difficult project
- III. Innovation in construction techniques and materials
- IV. Excellence in project management and scheduling
Include reference to timeliness of project completion and ability to stay within budget.
- V. Dedication to client service and customer care

Preparing Your Award Submittal

1. Visit agcga.org, and click on “Services/Awards/Build Georgia Awards” to gain access to the portal. During your first visit, register and review the nomination process.
2. Two summaries are required. A **Presentation Summary**- between 75 - 100 words in length - highlighting key points making this project unique and award-worthy. Use this summary to ONLY explain the main challenges of the project. If your project earns first place, the presentation summary is used to introduce the project at the Awards Ceremony. Next, an **Executive Summary** - between 250 - 400 words - highlighting the submittal.
3. Responses to the five individual judging criteria (listed above) must be between 150 - 500 words.
4. Create a single-page document titled **References**. Include three references: **one** architect or engineer, **one** owner and **one** prime contractor involved with the project. For each reference, provide a contact name, company name, address and phone. Convert Reference file to PDF and upload to portal. **Also**, upload **one letter of commendation** (converted to PDF) that has been provided from a reference. **ASK FOR THIS LETTER EARLY IN THE PROCESS.**
5. In the online portal, you will be asked to provide a list of **all construction-specific technology software/apps** your firm used to manage this project. Coordinate with the team in order to provide this information.
6. Document your project’s progress with key photos to support your narrative. Provide both **progress and completion** photos by pasting small file size pictures in a file such as a PowerPoint or Word document. Be sure to include captions with the pictures. **(Sample way to format this photo collage is included in the online resource packet at the link mentioned above in #2.)** Save collage as a PDF and upload to portal. Don’t load individual progress/completion photos.
7. On the same day you submit your project(s), email the following to Elizabeth Martin at martin@agcga.org:
1) An electronic file of the photo chosen for your Award Plaque. Name the photo file “*company name - project title - plaque photo.jpg*”; **2)** five additional photos. **These should mirror your PRESENTATION SUMMARY.** If the project earns first place honors, these photos will be on display in conjunction with the presentation summary during the ceremony. It makes for a much nicer presentation when photos complement the provided summary, and **3)** firm’s color logo.
Note: If your project earns honors, the above requested photos could be released to the media. The act of providing photos to AGC Georgia for use to market your award nomination INFERS the company or companies named on the project entry form have permission to release them. Do NOT submit photos you do not have the rights to.
All emailed photos should be at least 2000 x 1600 pixels.
8. Please make sure your company name and project title are entered correctly into the portal. AGC Georgia uses this exact data when personalizing awards. If you supply incorrect data, your firm will be responsible for charges associated with the correction. Remember to closely proof whether you entered your firm’s formal corporate name. Did the project have an informal name, and the formal name would be more appropriate for award program purposes?

TIP!

High marks are given to “easy to read” submittals and those detailing challenges their firm overcame. Before submitting your information, develop it in a document and have someone not involved with the project read it. Do they have questions? Do they see the award-winning qualities and how your firm overcame challenges? *Outlining details designed by the architect and telling how “pretty” the building is will not earn your project a Build Georgia Award.*

Leave OUT the fluff! Explain how your firm met extraordinary challenges head on!

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Entry Deadline: Friday, January 23, 2026 at 12:00 pm *(unless you opt for the late fee shown on page 1)*

Entry Fee: \$900 per project

Please review the below criteria and request answers from project representatives before beginning your online nomination.

What discipline best fits your project?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Finishes/Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproofing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry/Woodworking | <input type="checkbox"/> Fireproofing | <input type="checkbox"/> Roofing | <input type="checkbox"/> Window Treatments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping | <input type="checkbox"/> Siding | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical | <input type="checkbox"/> Masonry | <input type="checkbox"/> Sitework | |

What category represents your project's contract amount?

- ☐ Under \$1 Million ☐ \$1 - \$4,999,999 ☐ \$5 - \$9,999,999 ☐ \$10 - \$14,999,999 ☐ \$15 Million and Over

NOTE: Judges have the discretion to use the information above in developing award categories to assure proper competition for all projects.

Additional Information Needed to Complete the Online Nomination Process

Company Name /// Company Address

Chief Executive Officer *(Or the name and title of the person approving nomination of this project and the accuracy of the entry's narrative)*

Project Title /// Project Owner /// Project Prime Contractor /// Project's Physical Address

Project Manager /// Project Superintendent /// Project Contract Amount /// Project Begin Date /// Project End Date

Construction-specific software/apps /// Primary staff contact for questions pertaining to entry preparation and content

Questions: Contact Alyson Abercrombie, CAE, Senior Director of Communications and Marketing at 678.298.4106 or abercrombie@agcga.org.

Thank you for participating in AGC Georgia's 2025 Build Georgia Awards! Good Luck!