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The California Geotechnical  
Engineering Association

2016-2017

OUTSTANDING

PROJECT

AWARDS

## 2016-2017 Outstanding Project Awards Rules

**Submit your project for Outstanding Project Award consideration by January 20, 2017**

**Winners will receive a crystal trophy and will have the opportunity to present their project in an audio-visual program during the awards presentation luncheon at the Annual Conference on the Big Island, Hawaii on Friday, April 28, 2017**

1. Both CalGeo members and non-members are eligible to submit Outstanding Project Award (OPA) entries. Member firms with representatives on the judging committee are not eligible to enter.
2. There is a non-refundable application fee for each individual entry. The fee for members is \$100; the fee for non-members is \$300.
3. Only projects completed and constructed within five calendar years preceding the submittal due date are eligible for the OPA Program. For academic/research project entries to be eligible, the results of research must have been published within three calendar years preceding the submittal due date.
4. Any project will be considered for the award. Some suggested projects are: Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Infrastructure, Residential, Shoreline Protection, Academic/ Research.
5. More than one entry may be submitted per firm/individual; however, awards will be limited to one per firm/individual.
6. Entries will be judged based on the following criteria with no emphasis on any one criterion:
  - Innovation
  - Difficulty of investigation (difficulty of construction for design-build projects)
  - Quality of geotechnical report
  - Success of interaction between the parties involved (i.e. between design team, owner, and contractor)
  - Social impact of the project
7. There are six project categories. The applicant shall clearly indicate the category of their submittal based on their total professional fees billed for the project (including fees for construction inspection services). The categories are as follows:
  - Private Small-Budget Category (under \$100,000)
  - Private Medium-Budget Category (\$100,000 up to \$500,000)
  - Private Large-Budget Category (over \$500,000)
  - Public\* Small-Budget Category (under \$100,000)
  - Public\* Medium-Budget Category (\$100,000 up to \$500,000)
  - Public\* Large-Budget Category (over \$500,000)

\* *Public projects are defined as projects where the owner of the project is a public entity (i.e. state, city, county, federal), regardless of who the consultant contracted with.*
8. Project Type Restrictions:  
Member Firms and Individuals, Non-Members: Any type of geotechnically-oriented project is eligible for entry.  
Affiliate Member Firms: Only geotechnically-oriented Design-Build projects of any size will be eligible for entry.
9. Judging and selection of entries to receive an OPA will be done by the Awards Committee consisting of the CalGeo's Immediate Past President, other board members, and member representatives.
10. Applicants must submit (4) copies of the complete entry, each on a compact disk/flash drive preferably bookmarked and in the .pdf format. The complete entry includes the application, one copy of the project report(s), and no more than (15) color digital photos of the project. An e.Geo article and synopsis must also be submitted with the entry on the disk/flash drive (see #11).
11. Applicants are required to submit a brief synopsis and a longer companion article in **Microsoft Word** format for publication in the e.Geo newsletter. The synopsis must be 100 to 150 words and follow CalGeo's guidelines for e.Geo publications. It should attract the reader's interest and include a photograph or diagram. The descriptive article may be up to 2000 words and include several photos and/or diagrams. This is where you are encouraged to show off your work.
12. OPA recipients will receive a trophy or plaque at our Annual Conference and are expected to present their project to the conference participants. (Additional trophies or plaques may be purchased through CalGeo for various team members.) In addition, all winning firms/individuals will receive recognition at the Awards Program, in the CalGeo electronic e.Geo newsletter, and on the CalGeo website.
13. CalGeo is not responsible for returning entries or for loss or damage to entries. Members are therefore urged not to submit originals or indispensable copies of photographs or reports.
14. All entries must be received at the CalGeo Administrative Office no later than January 20, 2017. Make check payable to CalGeo and mail entries to:  
 CalGeo  
 309 Placerville Drive  
 Placerville, CA 95667  
 mmyers@calgeo.org  
 O) 530.344.0644

# 2016-17 OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARDS APPLICATION FORM

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL:  
JANUARY 20, 2017**

**Please TYPE or PRINT all information:**

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Individual Type (circle one):      CalGeo Member      Affiliate Member      Non-Member

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, St., Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Individual(s): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Project Report: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Construction Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Category (circle one):    Private Small-Budget      Private Medium-Budget      Private Large-Budget  
   (under \$100,000)      (\$100,000 up to \$500,000)      (over \$500,000)

   Public Small-Budget      Public Medium-Budget      Public Large-Budget  
   (under \$100,000)      (\$100,000 up to \$500,000)      (over \$500,000)

**List the name, address, and key contact of the other members of the project team, as applicable:**

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Architect: \_\_\_\_\_

Civil Engineer: \_\_\_\_\_

Structural Engineer: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe below all criteria that applies to your project to qualify for an award:** (use second sheet, if needed)

Innovation: \_\_\_\_\_

Difficulty of Investigation: \_\_\_\_\_

Quality of Report: \_\_\_\_\_

Design Team Interaction: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Impact: \_\_\_\_\_

To enter your project, submit this original application with your application fee made payable to CalGeo as outlined in rule #2; copies of the report(s) and photos, and a synopsis of the project with a companion longer article (in Word) as outlined in rules #10 and #11. Submittal Deadline is January 20, 2017. Mail to:

CalGeo, 309 Placerville Drive, Placerville, CA 95667 (THESE ITEMS WILL NOT BE RETURNED)

**I have read the contest rules, agree to abide by them, affirm that this entry is in compliance with them, and certify that I am authorized to make this representation.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of responsible individual

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date submitted