



THE BOWEN PRIZE

FOR GREAT BUILDERS

2027 Bowen Prize for Great Builders Candidate Description

The Bowen Prize is dedicated to identifying and recognizing the construction industry's most influential builders. Candidates are those individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership, fortitude, skill, and stewardship in an on-the-job capacity to ensure project goals were achieved in constructing America's most essential infrastructure.

Selection of the Bowen Prize recipients will not be based on job titles, but instead on a candidate's demonstrated ability to lead a challenging project to successful completion based on but not limited to the following criteria:

- Candidate must be assigned to and work at the project site. (not an off-site sponsor)
- Candidate must demonstrate active project involvement from project start to finish.
- Candidate must be the top construction manager for the on-site organization chart
- Project Metrics will be evaluated including but not limited to; safety, quality, compliance, schedule, cost, change management, client relations/partnering, craft relationships, MBE/DBE/WBE engagement.
- Candidates should demonstrate the use of and/or creation of innovative construction means and methods.
- Candidates should be committed to and demonstrate mentoring colleagues and promoting continuing professional development for all project personnel.
- Candidates should show interest in the community and others by using the project as an engagement and teaching tool.
- The proposed contractor is responsible for selecting the candidate. It is up to the contractor to decide who is most responsible for the success and running of the project.

2027 Bowen Prize for Great Builders Competition Rules and Disclaimers

1. The Bowen Prize for Great Builders is open to general contractors and specialty contractors working as prime contractors who are **current members in good standing** of at least one AGC chapter, through membership with the local AGC chapter.
2. All projects entered must have reached 85% completion by **December 31, 2026**.
3. The final submission deadline for project entries is **11:59 p.m. ET, Sunday, November 1, 2026**.
4. Each entry requires **an entry fee of \$400**.
5. Any projects with a fatality will be disqualified.
6. Nominations must be submitted by principals or officers of firms, or with their written permission. including photos, may not exceed 20 MB. You may also submit PDFs, Microsoft Word documents, or Microsoft Excel documents with your entry. Only ten (10) uploaded files (including photos and videos) are allowed per submission.



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7. All entries and accompanying materials will become the property of AGC of America upon submission. By submitting an entry, the entrant grants to AGC of America and the AGC Education and Research Foundation a broad, non-exclusive royalty-free license to copy, distribute, and otherwise use the entry and all accompanying materials (including materials in text, image, or other forms) in works both related and unrelated to the AGC Build America Awards. The entrant warrants that it has the right to grant such a license and that neither the entry nor the license infringes on the rights of any third party. Do not submit any materials to which you do not have the copyright and other proprietary rights.
8. All entrants should be prepared to attend [AGC's Annual Convention](#) and award ceremonies and events as identified by AGC Education and Research Foundation staff.
9. The winning candidate will be notified by **December 31, 2026**. Candidates must wait for the formal AGC of America announcement at the AGC Convention to alert media/public.
10. A \$50,000 award will be granted towards construction education. Eligible programs include any at the university or community college level, construction scholarships, Construction Technology Education programs, NCCER, Go Build programs, and similar initiatives. Approved programs must support construction education and be accredited or recognized by one of the following:
 - B) ABET
 - C) ACCE (accredited or non-degree recognized)
 - D) COE
 - E) ANSI
 - F) IACET
 - G) NCCER
 - H) ATMAE (only certain programs qualify; contact amy.good@atmae.org)
 - I) Registered Apprenticeship program (federal or state registered)
 - J) Other programs as approved by the AGC Education and Research Foundation (contact paige.packard@agc.org with any questions).
11. Reporting Requirement: Organizations receiving Bowen Prize funds agree to provide brief progress updates to the AGC Education and Research Foundation regarding the use and impact of the award. Updates will be requested approximately six (6) months and twelve (12) months following distribution of the funds and should include information on how the funds were utilized, outcomes achieved, and any measurable impact on construction education or workforce development initiatives supported by the award.