



2018 ICF BUILDER AWARDS

Entry Notebook

All Entry Notebooks and materials must be received no later than Friday, Oct. 13, 2017

General Information

Project Name: _____ **Location:** _____

Project Type/Use: _____

Category:

- Light Commercial** (less than \$5 million) **Small Residential** (3,000 sq. ft. or less)
 Heavy Commercial (\$5 million or more) **Large Residential** (3,001 to 6,000 sq. ft.)
 Multi-Family (Duplex, Apartment, Hotels) **Unlimited Residential** (Over 6,000 sq. ft.)
 ****New** "Specialty Applications"** (Pools, Walls, etc.)

ICF Builder Awards reserves the right to re-assign a project's category based on submitted specifications.

Submitted by:

Name: _____ **Company:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Payment Method

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Important Note:

While photographs may be embedded in the Word or PDF files submitted, *all photos submitted should also be sent as separate, high resolution image files in JPG format.* Images should be at least 1000 pixels in the smallest dimension.

The information on pages two through five of this notebook, along with the photographs you provide, are the only information the judging panel will have to evaluate this project. Therefore, please provide as much information as is relevant. *Remember that the entry is competing against other ICF projects. Therefore, the information ought to explain how the entry is different from other ICF projects.*

*Additional pages for text can be added as needed.
Use as many pages as necessary.*

The figures after each heading indicate the percentage that each area represents in the final score (e.g. "Architecture 15%" means that the architecture of the project makes up 15% of the final score.) A complete explanation of the judging criteria is included as page eight. The contact information for team members (Page 7) allows the panel of judges to verify the information provided.

Project Specifications (Totaling 20%)

Project Completion Date _____ **Total Project Cost: \$** _____

Size (Total Sq. Ft. Floor) _____ **(5%)**
If residential, note unfinished areas. If commercial or multi-family, note uses of structure and sq. footage.

Sq. Footage of Exterior ICF Walls: _____

Percent Built with ICFs _____ **% (10%)**

Exclude wall penetrations (windows and doors) from calculations, but note any exterior walls not built with ICF (gable ends, garage walls, dormers, bay windows, etc.) _____

Other Uses of ICFs on this project:

Interior Walls (Note square footage) _____

Underslab Insulation

Other (Note square footage) _____

Floor Decking

(Retaining walls, swimming pools, outbuildings, etc.)

Total Sq. Footage of ICFs Used _____ **(5%)**

Construction Details (Totaling 40%)

ICF Installation Time _____ **days** **Total Project Construction Time:** _____ **weeks**

Time saved (if any) by using ICFs: _____

Additional Construction Cost (if any) by using ICFs: _____

Complexity and Creativity (15%) Describe the overall complexity of the project's design, the challenges involved, and how they were overcome. For instance, wall heights and number of corners, unusual angles, roof connections, new materials or technologies uses, etc. Especially highlight innovative solutions to challenges to design and construction challenges:

Construction and Site Considerations (15%) Describe any construction difficulties the contractor dealt with, and how they were overcome. This includes budget constraints, project timelines, issues with other trades, extreme weather events, poor soils or site topography, etc.:

Craftsmanship (10%) Describe the level of precision and craftsmanship displayed, including exceptional workmanship, attention to detail, straightness of walls, embeds, and bucks; and the absence of voids, honeycombing, bulges, etc.

Design Considerations (Totaling 25%)

Architecture (15%) Describe the outstanding architectural features of the project, referring to photographs as necessary.

Sustainability (10%) Describe how this project maximizes the advantages of ICF construction. Be sure to include any elements of sustainable design incorporated in the structure. If the project has been energy tested, include the rating. Average monthly heating and cooling costs, if known, should be stated.

Significance/Visibility/Advances the Industry (15%)

Describe the project's significance to the region and the ICF industry as a whole. Be sure to mention new standards the project has set (if any), attention the project has received--including media coverage--and how the project has advanced the industry as a whole:

Comment on the project's success. (Mention the owner's level of satisfaction, whether it was completed within time and budget constraints, the project's impact on the community, and any awards the project has won; such as LEED certification, recognition in the press, etc.)

Background Information (Not Scored)

Additional Information that should be considered regarding why the project deserves an ICF Builder Award.

Major Suppliers (Brands) Used on the Project:

ICF System (Brand) _____	Floor Joists _____
Wall Bracing _____	Exterior Finishes _____
Window/Door Block-outs _____	Waterproofing _____

Marketing Efforts (Not Scored)

Who made the decision to build with ICFs? ___ Owner/Occupant ___ Contractor ___ Architect

Was this individual already familiar with ICFs? ___ Yes ___ No

Discuss how the contractor and ICF brand for the project were selected

Discuss any sales techniques, marketing efforts, or relationship building that was used to convince the team to build with ICFs:

Team Members (Not Scored)

*(Write "Same" if any information is already recorded elsewhere;
Leave blank if project role was unfilled)*

Owner/Developer:

Company Name: _____ Contact: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Email: _____

General Contractor:

Company Name: _____ Contact: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Email: _____

ICF Installer:

Company Name: _____ Contact: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Email: _____

Form Distributor:

Company Name: _____ Contact: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Email: _____

Architect:

Company Name: _____ Contact: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Email: _____

Engineer:

Company Name: _____ Contact: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Email: _____

Additional Team Member:

Company Name: _____ Contact: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Email: _____

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Completed Notebook and Photographs
Can Be Submitted Four Ways:

- 1) Online: **Fill out the PDF form then print or save and push “Submit”**
Photos will need to be either uploaded via FTP or mailed separately.
- 2) Email: **Download and fill out the MS Word version, save and send the completed notebook and photos to editor@icfmag.com [Individual emails cannot exceed 20 megs]**
- 3) Upload to FTP Site: **Go to www.icfmag.com/upload_book for instructions**
- 4) Send via Online File Sharing Site such as Dropbox.
- 5) Mail: **Completed notebooks should be mailed to:**

***ICF Builder Magazine
884 E. 700 North
Mapleton, UT 84664***



2018 Judging Criteria



The ICF Builder Awards are designed to showcase “milestone projects;” those projects that set a new benchmark for the industry through a combination of their size, complexity, significance, architecture, and other factors. Each ICF entry is evaluated by a panel of judges who rank each project on a scale of 1-to-10 in nine areas, using a weighted average to determine a total score. A winning project will score highly in numerous areas, as an outstanding score in a single category will usually not be enough to compensate for mediocre performance in the others.. A sample score sheet in Microsoft Excel format is available on the ICF Builder Award website.

ICF Use (20%)

Size (Floor): 5% Bigger projects are usually more visible, and more difficult. The portion of the score compares the floor area of the project to others in the same category.

Sq. Footage of ICFs: 5% Even more important than the overall size of the project is the scope of the ICF installation. The portion of the score compares the square footage of ICF walls, both interior and exterior

Percentage ICFs: 10% Exterior ICF walls will get some points, but projects that use ICFs for interior walls, retaining walls, pools, safe rooms, and other systems will score even higher. The use of foam decking systems for floors or roofing, or underslab insulation, will boost this portion of the score even higher. All ICF aspects of the project, such as outbuildings, landscaping, etc. are considered.

Construction Factors (40%)

Complexity and Creativity: 15% A project with many angles, wall thicknesses, radius, or other construction considerations scores higher than a simple rectangular footprint. The number of window and door openings and steel embeds would also affect this portion of the score. Creativity refers to how the designer and contractor used ICFs to find innovative solutions to construction challenges, such as bracing modifications or new ways of reinforcing radius walls.

Construction and Site Considerations: 15% Overcoming construction challenges like tight schedules, tight sites, difficult topography, bad weather, and so forth show the advantages ICFs can bring to the table. Winning over a difficult GC or other sub-trade to ICFs will also boost the score in this category. Finally, the cost per square foot, affordability, and the value the homeowner received for the budget allocated is also considered in this category.

Craftsmanship: 10% This portion of the score evaluates the level of precision and craftsmanship displayed. Attention to detail, straightness of walls, embeds, and bucks; and the absence of voids, honeycombing, bulges, etc. will contribute to a high score.

Design Factors (25%)

Architecture: 15% Winning project illustrate that ICF projects are more than bunkers or simple boxes. The quality of interior and exterior finish, as well as proportions and the neighborhood aesthetic all play a role. Projects that score highly in this area demonstrate an awareness of architectural styles, timeless design principles, current trends, and the owner's wishes.

Sustainability: 10% Site use, water use, insulation, heating, alternative energy, recycled content, the efficiency of the various appliances and fixtures, and other factors are considered. HERS ratings, LEED certification, EnergyStar, or other green building certification program also play a role.

Significance (15%)

Significance/Visibility: 15% This portion of the score ranks a project's significance to the ICF industry, including whether it has set new standards or advanced the industry in significant ways. This includes factors such as a new benchmark in height or size, opening new regions or construction segments to ICFs, and the amount of positive publicity it has created among construction and design professionals, as well as the public at large. Exceptional media coverage and jobsite tours are obvious factors as well.



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