

Complete Rules—2017 Competition

Entry Notebooks:

Project materials must be submitted with an official 2017 Entry Notebook. This notebook can be downloaded from the World Wide Web at www.icfmag.com/awards/notebook, or a copy can be requested by phoning, emailing or faxing a request to ICF Builder magazine. Digital formats are preferred.

It is acceptable for the notebook to refer to additional materials submitted with, but not contained within, the Notebook.

Entry Fees:

Cost is \$90 (U.S.) for the first Entry Notebook submitted. For each additional notebooks submitted, the fee is \$50 (U.S.) each. Entry Notebooks without payment will not be considered.

Deadline:

Entry Notebooks must be postmarked no later than Friday, October 14, 2016.

Competition Categories:

Projects must use Insulating Concrete Forms (ICFs) as the primary construction method for the exterior walls. Awards will be given in the following categories:

Light Commercial: This category encompasses all commercial construction projects with a total project cost of less than \$5 million (USD). Typical projects in this category would include car washes, warehouse space, restaurants, gas stations, churches, and small retail and office complexes.

Heavy Commercial: This category is for commercial construction with a total project cost of more than \$5 million (USD). This would include most cinema multiplexes, schools, churches, and large office and retail buildings. Apartment complexes and condominiums would fall into the MultiFamily category.

MultiFamily: This category includes all building designed for more than one family, as well as similar construction. This includes duplex, four-plex and larger construction, as well as student dormitories, hotels, condominiums, and so forth.

Small Residential: Single-family residential buildings totaling 3,000 sq. ft. or less of conditioned space.

Large Residential: Single-family residential buildings between 3,001 and 6,000 sq. ft.

Unlimited Residential: Single-family residences larger than 6,000 sq. ft.

****NEW** Specialty Applications:** This category includes all uses that do not fall into one of the above categories. Examples include swimming pools, retaining walls, water features, zoo exhibits, landscaping, and so forth.

We retain the right to reassign a project's category if specifications show the project is inappropriate for the category in which it is competing.

Restrictions:

Projects must be completed (defined as having an occupancy permit, if intended to be habitable) by the entry deadline. The project completion date must be within five years of the entry deadline.

The competition is open to any type or brand of ICF, and projects may be submitted by anyone associated with the project.

Photography Requirements:

A minimum of 7 and a maximum of 30 photographs shall be submitted with each entry. At least 4 photos must be of the project under construction, and 3 must be of the finished project, including at least one photo each showing the completed interior and exterior

Photos should illustrate the project's ability to address each of the judging criteria. Photos should be submitted in digital format, and all photos submitted should be separate, high resolution image files in JPG format. (When photographs are embedded in the Word or PDF Entry Notebook, those images should also be submitted separately as image files.) High-resolution images are 300 dpi or better, and at least 1000 pixels in the smallest dimension. Larger images are accepted and encouraged.

Submission and Deadlines:

Completed Notebooks and photographs can be submitted in a number of 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 for instructions
- 4) Send via Online File Sharing Site such as Dropbox.

While digital submission is strongly encouraged, entries may be submitted via mail. Mailed entries should include a digital version of all entry materials as well as a completed hard copy of the Entry Notebook. These materials can be mailed to:

ICF Builder Magazine
Attn: ICF Builder Awards
884 E. 700 North
Mapleton, UT 84664



Additional Information:

If you have questions or need additional information, email Clark Ricks at editor@icfmag.com.

Judging Criteria—2017 Competition

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 projects 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.