

# 2026 CURT Construction Industry Project Excellence Award

## Purpose of Award

The Construction Industry Project Excellence (CIPE) award was established in 2016 by the Construction Users Roundtable (CURT | [www.curt.org](http://www.curt.org)) to recognize project teams for outstanding delivery of capital projects. In creating the award, CURT's goal is to promote project delivery excellence while standardizing productivity metrics that indicate exceptional performance. After development of a uniform standard is achieved, tracking and improvement initiatives will be developed to incrementally build enhanced, sustainable processes for project delivery.

CURT will recognize exceptional performance in these categories: Projects \$50MM or less, Projects greater than \$50MM but less than \$1Billion, and Mega Projects ( $\approx$  \$500MM +). In 2022, an additional category was added – Portfolio/Program Excellence. This category is intended for owners who have multiple small capital projects done by a consistent team over a duration or a contractor who manages small ongoing programs for similar owner types (schools, hospitals, commercial building, etc).

## Deadlines

In order to be eligible for consideration, projects submitted must be substantially complete by the date of submission. Projects may only be submitted once for consideration. The schedule for the 2026 awards process is as follows:

- **17 March 2026** – Project submissions being accepted via the CLMA application or CURT staff.
- **02 July 2026** – Project submissions must be completed within the CLMA application (preferred) or submitted in Word or Excel format for CURT staff to enter.
- **07 August 2026** – Project award winners notified by phone
- **06 October 2026** – Awards presentation ceremony at the CURT Awards of Excellence event.

## How to Submit Your Project and Productivity Data

The project and related productivity data will be submitted through the productivity tracking tool developed in a collaborative relationship between CURT and the Construction Labor Market Analyzer (CLMA). There are 2 approaches to submitting a project for this award. The following instructions will guide you in submitting your information via the CLMA.

### Online Submission (Preferred Approach)

- Step 1. Visit <http://www.myclma.com/>
  - If your company and you have an account, use the “Log In” link to sign in
  - If your company and/or you don't have an account, use the “Create Account” link to set it up. Use this process also if you aren't sure.
- Step 2. After your account is set up and activated, log in and access the project management screen using the Manage Projects button in the left navigation.

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- Click the orange “+ Add Project” button and complete the project entry form.
  - After your project is created it will display on the project dashboard and on the Project Details page with an Action button. Use the Action button to access “Labor Details / PLF” to view project details and/or manually adjust craft labor data.
- Step 3. On the Project Details page, click the “Productivity” button under the project name and complete the fields in each of the 8 sections on this page. Be sure to save your changes often to ensure no data loss.
- Complete your estimated and actual data entries. These are used to evaluate metrics which are being used to compare productivity.
  - Try to be as complete as possible with data entry as this gives the evaluator the most information to compare. However, if you are currently not tracking specific data points this will not invalidate your entry for project excellence award.
  - Each section has a free form text field. Use this section to provide a narrative description of how your team excelled at that attribute.
- Step 4. All of your data is downloadable using the “Download” button.
- Step 5. Notify [gpalmer@curt.org](mailto:gpalmer@curt.org) when your data entry is complete

If you have problems with any of these steps or prefer a webinar tutorial to better understand this process, we are happy to assist. Alternatively, if you prefer, we input all the information for you, we are happy to assist with that. Contact Gregory Palmer at [gpalmer@curt.org](mailto:gpalmer@curt.org)

## Email Submission

- Step 1. If you prefer not to submit your project via the CLMA application, please download the manual submission form at <https://curt.org/awards/project-excellence-ci-pe-award-application/> and complete it to submit your project for the CURT award.
- Step 2. Submit the completed form in the Word/Excel formats provided and submit via email to Gregory Palmer at [gpalmer@curt.org](mailto:gpalmer@curt.org) by the deadline above.

## **CIPE Award Evaluation Criteria**

**NOTE: DART Rate or RIR 2x of CURT averages are grounds for elimination of overall consideration for Award.**

### **Safety Performance – 20 pts**

- a) Innovation(s) in Safety performance evaluation.
- b) Lagging DART/LTIR/RIR indicators.
- c) Leading Indicators SOR/FA-NM performance.
- d) Exceptional performance.

### **Project Schedule Performance – 20 pts**

- a) How was the overall schedule performance of the job?

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- b) What tools did the team use to deliver the schedule? Are they new or innovative?
- c) Can they document performance against plan? (Data was provided?)
- d) Did they overcome significant challenges?
- e) Did they describe what schedule value was achieved?

## **Project Cost/Budget Performance – 20 pts**

- a) How was the overall cost/budget performance of the job?
- b) Budgetary value/ innovation
- c) Budget performance Budget vs. Actual/ Variance
- d) Data provided
- e) Were they able to offset non-value-added work with value-adds or savings? How?

## **Project Quality Performance – 20 pts**

- a) How was the overall quality performance of the job?
- b) Did they show any innovation in quality?
- c) Did they track design quality (RFI's, other)?
- d) Did they track estimate quality (Estimate vs Award vs Actual)?
- e) Did they track Construction quality (Punchlist, rework, change orders)?

## **Innovation, Value Add, Tools – 20 pts**

- a) How was the project innovative in adding value? How did the team overcome challenges? (i.e., Weather, staffing/labor, project complexity, Schedule or operational constraints) Use of tools or materials
- b) Did they provide additional data to support these items?

## **BONUS – 10 pts**

- a) Discretion points for evaluation team – how well did the project combine and deliver all 5 evaluation areas.

The CURT CIPE Awards Panel will evaluate submitted projects that are complete, signed and meet eligibility requirements. Conclusions will be based on consensus decisions by the panel using the criteria outlined above. Panelist affiliated with submissions will recuse themselves from voting on submissions with the affiliation.

The recipients of the CIPE Awards will be recognized at an awards ceremony to take place at the Construction Users Roundtable Awards of Excellence on October 06, 2026. A representative of the winning organization must be registered and in attendance to receive the award. Those who submitted a project and were not successful in winning an award may request feedback by contacting CURT after December 1, 2026.