

# 2026 CURT CISE Constructor Safety Awards

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## Purpose of CISE Awards Program

The constructor segment of the Construction Industry Safety Excellence (CISE) Awards Program recognizes commendable safety performance of individual constructor firms over a sustained time period. The awards are intended to convey the Construction Users Roundtable's (CURT) strong support of constructor safety performance. This award emphasizes CURT's commitment to promoting safe construction as a key component of cost-effective project delivery. While CURT recognizes that constructors have the primary responsibility for execution of on-site safety, it understands that constructors are most effective when they work in conjunction with the owner and architects/engineers to ensure an overall safe workplace.

The Constructor CISE Awards will recognize those constructors that have most effectively implemented the recommendations of:

- The Construction Users Roundtable Report R-807, Construction Safety Blueprint
- CURT Construction Safety User Practices
  - UP 801, Contractor and Craft Worker Prequalification
  - UP 802, The Owner's Role
  - UP 803, Pre-Bid and Bid Clarification Meetings
  - UP 804, Contract Terms and Conditions
  - UP 805, Monitoring Performance
  - UP 806, Improving Safety Programs

## Description of the Constructors Safety Award

Annual safety awards will be presented to constructor firms in each of the following North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code Groups:

- NAICS 236 - General Building Contractors
- NAICS 237 - Heavy Construction Contractors
- NAICS 238 - Specialty Trade Contractors

Awards will be presented to constructor firms in these work-hour categories for *each* of the NAICS groups:

- Category 1 - Greater than 200,000 work hours and less than or equal to 500,000 work hours per year
- Category 2 - Greater than 500,000 and less than or equal to 3 million work hours per year
- Category 3 - Greater than 3 million work hours per year

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## Criteria for Application Evaluation

The award evaluations will be based on:

- OSHA injury/illness statistical data for the contractor's site personnel from OSHA 300 logs
- OSHA Severe Violator or if are you under any regulatory watch list, your submittal may not be accepted.
- Effectiveness in managing subcontractors' safety performance
- A written synopsis of the constructor's safety management system as it pertains to implementation of CURT R-807, Construction Safety Blueprint: Tactical Elements
- A review of safety performance with three client companies for whom the constructor has recently performed work.

The constructor's safety attitudes and practices will be evaluated by the Construction Users Roundtable CISE Review Panel based on **evidence** of implementation of the Tactical Elements:

- Policy and Leadership
- Risk Management
- Legal Requirements and Standards of Operations
- Strategic Planning, Goals, and Objectives
- Structure and Responsibility
- Programs and Procedures
- Asset and operations Integrity
- Emergency Preparedness
- Awareness, Training, and Competency
- Investigation and Corrective actions
- Communications
- Document Control and Records
- Measuring and Monitoring
- Audits
- Review

The constructors will also be evaluated by the CISE Review Panel based upon:

- Innovative Practices
- Any additional methods, practices, or procedures which contributed to success

Eligibility for the awards also extends to constructor firms who are *not* members of the **Construction Users Roundtable**.

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## Important Guidelines for Applicants

CISE Awards recipients are determined by the Judging Committee and at the sole discretion of CURT. Reasons for disqualification of applications may include, but not limited to, the following reasons:

### Administrative Criteria

- Failure to properly complete an application. Examples include mathematical/computational errors, inappropriate answers, and/or incomplete answers.
- Failure to submit all required documents per CURT CISE instructions.
- Failure to submit an application within the required limitations per CURT CISE instructions (NOTE: This includes length, content, font size, and/or other submission requirements.)

### Safety Performance Criteria

- A workplace fatality any time during the submittal years. The only exception would be a fatality that was outside the control of the contractors, owner, or their subcontract partners. The explanation would have to be part of the submittal, and the explanation will be reviewed by the judges. Examples – Chemical Release by a neighboring facility, 911 type terrorist act, etc.
- Failure of a company to act as a good Corporate Citizen in regards to safety. Examples include:
  - Receipt of a regulatory agency (OSHA, M.O.L., etc.) citation for an egregious safety violation(s).
  - Inclusion in OSHA's Severe Violator Enforcement Program (SVEP), or equivalent regulatory scrutiny in another country.
  - Acting in any way that, as judged by CURT, could cast dispersion on the CURT organization or the CISE Awards.
  - Note: CURT will review these criteria at a company level.

## **Application Process**

Constructors must complete the following steps to apply:

### **Originate**

The constructor's application originator should download the electronic constructor's application form and fill in all requested information. The application shall be completed as a single document in MSWord. It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that the originator of the application read and understand CURT Report R807, Construction Owners' Safety Blueprint prior to completing the application.

All applications must address the criteria defined below, and should not exceed eight pages, consisting of one page for Part 1 data, one page for Part 2 data, and no more than six pages for Part 3. Type font may be no smaller than 10 point, and there should be adequate margins. Charts, graphs,

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or other illustrations may be embedded only in Part 3 and must be included in the page count. No additional material beyond that requested should be submitted, and it will not be considered if provided. **Any applications that do not adhere to the guidelines will be considered ineligible for review and discarded.**

- **Parts 1 and 2** - Complete the statistical data on Part 2 of the application form to provide the **quantitative** measure of your safety performance. The data is requested for the years 2023, 2024, and 2025, and can be taken directly from your OSHA Form 300 Logs, and overall totals need to include the subcontractor's stats for the injuries and hours that are applicable to your work. OSHA requires each constructor to keep OSHA 300 forms as required by the US Department of Labor. Injury/illness data will be for US operations, comprising only **site-assigned personnel**. This is intended to omit headquarters and regional office personnel from the data.
- **Part 3** - Provide the descriptions requested on the Application Form - Part 3. Up to 6 (six) printed pages may be used to provide this additional information. See the **Review Panel Evaluation Criteria** section for areas to cover in this part of the application. This information provides the **qualitative** measure of your safety performance. Additional information should not be attached. Failure to adhere to this requirement may cause the application to be disqualified.

Application can be downloaded from the CISE Awards page on [www.CURT.org](http://www.CURT.org)

## Submit

Electronic Submissions only. Submit here: [gpalmer@curt.org](mailto:gpalmer@curt.org)

## Application Deadline

**Completed applications must be received in the CURT office by 02 July 2026.**

## Awards Program Schedule

The schedule for this year's awards process is as follows:

- **17 March 2026** - Applications available on the CURT website.
- **02 July 2026** - Applications must be submitted to the CURT office.
- **07 August 2026** - Winner will be notified by phone.
- **06 October 2026** - Awards presentation ceremony at the Construction Users Roundtable Awards of Excellence.

**NOTE: To assist in underwriting the cost of the awards program and juror process, the committee has implemented an application fee in the amount of \$250.00, which is payable when the application is submitted. Payments by check should be payable to "Construction Users Roundtable – CISE". To pay by credit card, call Greg Palmer at the CURT office at 513.981.2770.**

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## Selection Process and Awards Presentation

The Construction Users Roundtable Awards Panel will review and evaluate all completed applications and make awards based on a consensus decision of its members. The panel will take into consideration the factors enumerated above.

The participants and the recipients of the CISE Awards will be announced at an awards ceremony during the Construction Users Roundtable Awards of Excellence, October 06, 2026.

Questions may be answered by emailing [safety@curt.org](mailto:safety@curt.org). Unsuccessful applicants interested in improving their safety programs and gaining information as to why their application was not successful can contact [safety@curt.org](mailto:safety@curt.org) after December 1, 2026.

## Eligibility

Past recipients of the CISE Constructor Safety Award must sit out one year after they receive the award before applying to receive the award again. (Example: **Award winners of the November 2025 Awards Program may not apply again in 2026 but can apply in 2027. Award winners from 2024 and prior are eligible to apply in 2026.**)