

# CEA Eligibility & Criteria Form



**Application Deadline: Friday, January 31, 2025**

The **Construction Excellence Awards (CEA)** is an exclusive competition that recognizes outstanding wall and ceiling workmanship. Only WACA contracting members can enter this select competition. The CEA honors contractors that have performed exceptional wall and ceiling construction projects in Northern California. Entries will be evaluated by an independent panel of two certified American Institute of Architects (AIA) judges. The judges select the winning projects including Project of the Year winners, while the Safety Committee selects the Safety winners. Award recipients will be invited to the CEA ceremony to showcase their winning projects.

## Project Categories

- ❖ Residential / Lodging Exterior & Interior
- ❖ Retail Exterior & Interior
- ❖ Commercial Exterior & Interior
- ❖ Institutional Exterior & Interior
- ❖ Historical Restoration Exterior & Interior
- ❖ EIFS
- ❖ Green Building
- ❖ Ceilings
- ❖ Innovation in Construction
- ❖ Project of the Year – Exterior Under \$500,000
- ❖ Project of the Year – Interior Under \$500,000
- ❖ Project of the Year – Exterior Over \$500,000
- ❖ Project of the Year – Interior Over \$500,000

## Eligibility & Criteria

- All projects entered must have been or will be completed within the year of 2024.
- There is no limit to the number of projects each company can submit.
- A project with a construction-related fatality, regardless of contractor or trade, is not eligible.
- The application must be filled out completely, including one paragraph *minimum* describing the project. See application for details.
- Project Photos Requirements: Five (5) high-res photographs *minimum* are required per application. Photos should exhibit the quality of work performed, ideally demonstrating the progress from start to finish. The photos should show a range of perspectives: for example, the façade or overall view, unique details, and different exterior or interior shots as appropriate to the category. Photos must be taken with digital cameras with the high-resolution set to 300 dpi or higher. **No cell phone photos, please.**
- Projects should be physically accessible to the judges for viewing.
- All projects entered must have been performed in Northern California by a Wall And Ceiling Alliance (WACA) contracting member.
- Photography and video interviews regarding winning projects may be used for WACA promotional use (such as the eNewsletter, website, press releases, industry publications, etc).

## How to Enter:

Apply at [www.wallandceilingalliance.org](http://www.wallandceilingalliance.org)  
or [Click Here](#) for the Online Application Form