



NRC Rail Construction Project of the Year Award - CRITERIA

The purpose of this award is to honor innovation, expertise, and quality project management applied towards the successful execution of a rail construction project by an NRC member company in 2025. Any type of rail construction project contract that was \$25 million or less is eligible for the small project award. Any type of rail construction project contract over \$26 million is eligible for the large project award. This includes projects for freight rail, industrial track, rail transit, commuter rail, intercity passenger rail, rail on port facilities and rail on military facilities.

One award will be given per category. The winner will be announced on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at the NRC 2026 Conference and NRC-REMSA Exhibition in Hollywood, FL.

Provide a brief project description, not to exceed 150 words, and additional documents supporting the award criteria, per the instructions below:

1. Project Questions
 - a. Score: Up to 50 points. Answers should not exceed 500 words for each of the following two questions.
 - b. Requirements: Please answer the following questions.
 - i. Provide a brief description of the work which demonstrate your company's innovation (10 pts), expertise (10 pts), and high quality of work (10 pts) on this particular project. This may include the development and/or application of new concepts, products, practices, and/or any other noteworthy aspect of the project. Provide explanations of specific challenges and the strategies used to overcome them.
 - ii. What was your safety/loss record on the project? (10 pts for zero recordable, a 2-point deduction will be given for each recordable injury. 0 points if a fatality occurred). The worksite OSHA 300A must accompany this application.
 - iii. Did the worksite receive any OSHA citations? (10 pts for 0 citations, no point if any citations were received. For more information and to search possible citations, please refer to the following OSHA site: <http://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/establishment.html>)
2. Customer Satisfaction Document
 - a. Score: Up to 50 points.
 - b. Requirements: Written evidence that:
 - i. States that the project was completed within the last year. x points
 - ii. States that the project met or exceeded its objectives. Additional x points

- iii. Attests to the costs, schedule, quality, and management of the project. Additional x point
- iv. 0 points if no customer satisfaction submitted.
- v.

3. Sustainability/Diversity and Inclusion

- a. How has your company implemented ESG (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance) practices?
 - i. Environmental criteria considers how a company performs as a steward of nature.
 - 1. i.e.: Did this project use energy efficiently; use renewable energies; pollute less and/or contribute less to climate change; manage waste responsibly; and/or disclose information on environmental policies?
 - ii. Social criteria examines how this project managed relationships with employees, suppliers, customers, and the communities where the project was performed.
 - 1. i.e.: Did your project have D&I policies to ensure no type of discrimination; safe and healthy labor conditions for employees; labor standards across supply chains that guarantee fair wages and human rights protection; and/or good relations with local communities who give social license for this project?
 - iii. Governance deals with a company's leadership, internal controls, and shareholder rights.
 - 1. i.e.: How did this project and its stakeholders utilize practices to mitigate corporate risk management and/or corruption and bribery? Did this protect shareholder interest and disclose information on these topics?

4. Project Photos

- a. Please submit at least two and no more than four photos with this application. The application is not complete without the photos and cannot be considered for the Rail Construction Project of the Year Award without them. The photos can be of the project, the team, or any other relevant photos. Please label the photos with the company and project names, and any other relevant information as you see fit, and submit with your application per the instructions at the bottom.

5. Format:

- a. All written document materials must be submitted in either Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats. Acceptable image formats with text descriptions include .jpg, .png, .gif, .bmp, and .tiff.

Return application and supporting documentation November 14, 2025 by email to: awieland@nrcma.org with subject line: NRC 2025 Project of the Year Application

NRC Rail Construction Project of the Year Award - APPLICATION

Company Name_____

Contact_____Title_____

Street Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Phone_____Email_____

Project Name_____

Location_____

Contact Amount (Circle One): **Large >\$10 million** or **Small < \$10 million**

Construction Manager_____

Lead Engineer_____

Major Subcontractors_____

Major Suppliers_____

**I certify that the information submitted with this application and supporting documentation
are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Your Signature _____ Date_____

Print Name_____