

ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AWARD FOR AN ENGINEERING PROJECT OR ACHIEVEMENT

Nomination Procedures

PURPOSE

The Ontario Professional Engineers Award (OPEA) for an Engineering Project or Achievement recognizes a team of engineers that has had a significant, positive impact on society and/or industry, and/or engineering.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible, nominations must meet the following requirements:

- They must be for an outstanding project or achievement conceived, designed and executed with significant input by Ontario engineers, or by a team of engineers where at least 51 per cent are professional engineers registered in good standing with PEO. Nominators must demonstrate that the Ontario engineers played a significant role in the project or achievement. If the Ontario engineers were involved as part of a multi-professional team, they must have had a significant role in conceiving, designing, and executing the project or achievement. The engineering project or achievement must have had a significant impact on society, and/or industry, and/or engineering.
- Projects or achievements must have been proved successful no more than five years and no less than one year prior to the nomination submission.
- The owner of the project or achievement must sign the release agreement.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

- Nominations must be approved by the organization responsible for the project or achievement being nominated. Completion of the **Ontario Professional Engineers Award for an Engineering Project or Achievement Release Agreement** form is required.
- Each nomination should be accompanied by a **concise description of the engineering project or achievement**, together with supporting evidence of its proven success and impact.
- A letter of support from each of the five nominators, **at least three of whom are professional engineers in good standing with PEO** is required. The letters of support are a very important component of the nomination evaluation (**see Hints and Tips**).
- **Completed nomination packages, excluding the nomination form, cannot exceed 20 pages.** Any supporting documentation, such as letters of support, resumes and media clippings will count toward the 20-page maximum. The page count will start with the *impact on society, and/or industry, and/or engineering.*

The deadline for submitting nominations is **4:00 p.m. (EST) on the last Wednesday in February**. Nomination packages are to be submitted to:

OSPE Awards Committee
Ontario Society of Professional Engineers
4950 Yonge Street, Suite 502
Toronto, ON M2N 6K1
Tel: 416.222.9961 or 1.800.763.1654

Nominations received for the award for an Engineering Project or Achievement will be evaluated solely on the information provided for each of the criteria listed below. **All criteria must therefore be addressed and all information should be as concise as possible.**

SELECTION CRITERIA

The impact a project or a team of engineers has had on society, and/or industry, and/or engineering is the primary selection criterion. The following are the weighted selection criteria, with questions relating to the kind of information the selection committee is looking for.

Impact on society, and/or industry, and/or engineering
(30 points)

- How many people's lives have been positively affected by this engineering project or achievement? Can the project or achievement be applied to future engineering projects by other teams of engineers? What is the magnitude of the engineering project's or achievement's impact? How important is the project or achievement to Ontario's economic and social well-being?

Ingenuity
(20 points)

- How innovative was the conception, design, and execution of the engineering project, or achievement? Can this innovation be applied to future engineering projects or achievements? Did this innovation advance the field of engineering?

Project complexity
(20 points)

- How complex was the project or achievement and/or the problems overcome by the team of engineers? How cost effective were the solutions used to overcome problems? Can the solutions be applied to other projects in the future?

Environmental impacts
(20 points)

- Was the project or achievement realized in a manner that promoted sustainable development? Were the environmental impacts of the project or achievement minimized?

**Client expectations
(10 points)**

- How closely did the project or achievement meet client expectations? Was the project or achievement completed on time and within budget?

SELECTION PROCESS

Recipients will be selected by the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers Awards Committee (OAC). The OAC has the authority, after reviewing all nominations for this award, to determine whether an award will be recommended. The award will be presented to the principal engineer responsible for the engineering project or achievement.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The OPEA Engineering Project or Achievement Award will be bestowed by The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) during the annual OPEA gala in November.