

Recognising project excellence and innovation

This award recognises the most innovative projects undertaken including but not limited to new buildings and development, city development and infrastructure, retrofitting programmes, energy efficiency upgrades, smart grid applications, power plants, transport and water infrastructure and natural capital initiatives. Judges will be looking for project which utilise technologies, systems, management techniques to achieve significant saving and efficiency gains.

Transport:

- Bridges, tunnels, waterways, railways, roads (other than toll): eligible only when carrying traffic; the time of final completion or dedication is not important.
- Toll or similar regional roads: any portion in use is eligible. The entire road is eligible when it is 75% operational. Regional roads are defined as not Federal or State/Provincial roads.
- Port, coastal, ocean, and wetlands projects and offshore structures: eligible when complete.

Construction/building:

- Buildings, other structures, and facilities: eligible when ready for use (certificate of occupancy has been obtained where applicable).
- Airports and other similar large developments: eligible when initial phase is 75% operational. Individual structures or features (such as major buildings or runways) are eligible when operational but will be considered separately from the entire project.

Facilities management:

- Where an organisation function which integrates people, place, and process within the built environment with the purpose of improving the quality of life of people and the productivity of the core business
- It ensures the functionality, comfort, safety, sustainability, and efficiency of the built environment - the buildings we live and work in and their surrounding infrastructure

Energy:

- From the implementation of onsite energy technologies and management systems to improve energy efficiency
- Through renewable energy tech rollout and broader smart grid systems

Water, waste and resource efficiency:

- Water supply, flood control dams: eligible when ready to take the full design head of water.
- Power dams: eligible when the major construction is completed, and the structure can take its design head of water.
- Water supply, water treatment, and waste disposal: the entire project is eligible when it is 50% operational in its initial phase. Any completed component is eligible but will be considered separately from the entire project.
- Driving circular economy

Criteria

Each entry in this category will be assessed against the criteria listed below. All parts are weighted equally. Please bear in mind that the criteria will only be used by judges to determine the winner.

Project insights (max of 100 words):

- Please provide a clear, concise summary of the entry. Why does the project deserve to be crowned the winner?
- In addition, please provide one key fact/stat which you think sums up your entry. For example, levels of reductions achieved, financial saving or business benefits. If the entry is successful, this stat maybe used on the night of the awards and in pre/post event editorial/marketing.

Strategy (max of 200 words):

- What is the organisation's strategy for the project?
- How has this strategy changed/adapted over time to ensure continual improvement?
- How is the project being entered aligned with the organisation's broader purpose and objectives?

Level of innovation (Max. 200 words):

- What makes this project truly innovative?
- How does this project differ from traditional approaches or existing projects/systems?
- How do the innovative aspects of this project support the decarbonisation goals?
- How are technological innovations being utilised by the organisation to deliver further improvements, reductions and efficiencies in this area?

Delivery (max of 200 words)

- Was the project delivered on time, to plan and on budget? Were there any challenges which needed to be overcome along the way?
- How were standards/systems/technologies deployed to support the project and maximise results?

Results

- Has the organisation's work to delivered clear returns on investment?
- Were expected results achieved? Did the project fall short in any areas, or exceed expectations? Beyond savings, what other benefits has the organisation seen through its activities?