



ASHE
Central Florida

2026 SECTION PROJECT OF THE YEAR

ELIGIBILITY AND SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBILITY

Any project that was substantially completed by December 31, 2026, and no more than two calendar years immediately prior to the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) National Annual Conference shall be considered eligible for the Section and National Project of the Year (NPY) competition provided that the project involves at least one of the following transportation features:

- ☐ Highways/Roadways
- ☐ Bridges
- ☐ Railroads
- ☐ Bikeways and Multi-use Paths
- ☐ Traffic Control/Signalization (Includes ITS)
- ☐ Public Transit

AWARD CATEGORIES

For the NPY Award Competition (NPAC), the project entries will be placed into the following cost categories which may be different from the category in which they competed in their Section's or Region's award competition:

- ☐ Projects \$30M and under in construction cost
- ☐ Projects from \$30M to \$100M in construction cost
- ☐ Projects over \$100M in construction cost

AWARD ENTRY SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ The project must be substantially completed and open to the public by December 31, 2026, and no more than two calendar years immediately prior to the 2027 ASHE National Annual Conference.
- ☐ Previous winning projects in the NPAC are not eligible.
- ☐ Entry submissions shall contain:
 - ☐ Completed Project Entry Form.
 - ☐ Narrative describing the project not exceeding 1500 words (single sided, 12-point font, 8 1/2 "x11" pages); the narrative must address the 6 categories in the scoring and judging criteria below. Project construction costs must be provided.
 - ☐ Up to five (5) five construction drawings on 11"x17" sheets that are relative to the scoring and judging criteria.
 - ☐ Up to five (5) photos (maximum size: 8 1/2"x11") that are relative to the scoring and judging criteria.
 - ☐ Verification of substantial completion by the date noted.
 - ☐ Statement of commitment that at least one representative from the project team will attend the awards luncheon.
- ☐ The winner's will be required to submit a brief PowerPoint slide presentation that will be displayed at the Awards Ceremony at the 2026 Holiday Gala. The winners will have the option to submit a project panel to be displayed at the National Conference.
- ☐ The winner's will be required to prepare 500-word max summary of their project to be used on the ASHE Central Florida Website.
- ☐ The project entry form, narrative, drawings, and photos shall be compiled into a single PDF file in the order noted. The photos used in the PDF shall also be provided separately in high resolution jpg format (300x300 min DPI).

AWARD SCORING CRITERIA AND JUDGING

Submittals will be judged by a panel comprised of at least three (3) ASHE members that are in good standing.

Each submittal will be judged based on the following criteria:

- 25% Complexity
- 25% New application of Existing Techniques / Originality / Innovation
- 15% Social/Economic Considerations
- 15% Safety
- 10% Aesthetics and Sustainable Features
- 10% Meeting and Exceeding Owner's/Client's Needs

The winners will be determined based on the highest average score from all judges in each award category and prior to the 2026 ASHE Central Florida Holiday Gala. Submit all completed documents to Laura Campos (lacampos@hntb.com).

Application Deadline: October 16, 2026