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To: District Engineers
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Subject: 2020 MnDOT/MnDOT State Aid - AGC Bridge Construction Award Nominations

Well this year has certainly changed everyone's lives, but while the world has been changed, bridges are still being built with quality that deserves recognizing. It is time for the 19th annual Bridge Construction Awards nominations. MnDOT, MnDOT State Aid, and the AGC Bridge Committee want to recognize high quality bridge construction projects that have been opened to traffic in 2019 and 2020. Awards will be given in three different categories as outlined on the attached criteria sheets. If your District and/or District State Aid Office is interested in submitting a nomination form for one or more bridge projects completed in 2019 or 2020, please submit the attached form along with additional narratives and photos to the MnDOT Bridge Office by **October 9th, 2020**. The rating panel will select the best projects and present the awards at the AGC/MnDOT Bridge Office semi-annual meeting in May 2021.

Please note that award submittals will only be accepted for bridge projects completed by AGC member contractors.

Last year's award winners have still not been formally recognized due to COVID. We are examining a combined recognition ceremony for last year's awards and this year's awards in the May 2021 meeting. Any comments or questions should be directed to myself or to Paul Pilarski at (651) 485-3167.

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MnDOT/MnDOT State Aid – AGC Bridge Construction Award Criteria

Award Categories:

MnDOT or local agency bridges constructed by an AGC Contractor

1. Bridges costing less than \$1.5 million
2. Bridges costing between \$1.5 and \$5.0 million
3. Bridges costing over \$5.0 million

Qualifications:

The Bridge Construction Award will be given annually in each award category. To be considered for judging a structure must be substantially completed in the two year period preceding the award. Eligible bridges for 2020 include those opened to traffic in 2019 and 2020.

Nominations:

A project will be nominated for judging by MnDOT District Office and/or MnDOT District State Aid personnel. AGC member Contractors, suppliers, and others are encouraged to discuss project merits with the owner to receive consideration. The MnDOT project engineer or local agency owner and the contractor must both endorse the submittal. To be considered, a nomination should include a completed nomination form, digital photos on disk of construction activity and of the finished project, and a one or two page narrative describing how the project satisfies the judging criteria.

For each award winner, the District or local agency and the Contractor will receive a framed photograph of the project. In anticipation of winning an award, each nomination should include one or more digital photos taken with a 4 mega pixel camera which will yield a 40 megabyte file size. If a quality photo cannot be provided, arrangements can be made to have a photo taken by a MnDOT photographer.

Rating Panel:

- A selection panel including a representative from the MnDOT Bridge Office, MnDOT State Aid, a MnDOT Resident Engineer, a representative of the MnDOT Office of Construction and Innovative Contracting, and a member of AGC will rate all projects nominated. The panel will rate on a point count basis based on the submitted narrative and a field review.

Judging Criteria:

Submissions will only be accepted for projects built by AGC member Contractors. Listed below are five criteria that the panel will use to evaluate the nominations submitted. The narrative application should provide clear explanation of how the project achieved each of the following:

1. Innovations: Special measures employed by the contractor to ensure a resulting quality product. (10 points)
2. Complexity of Project: Conditions that existed or were specified that caused the contractor to employ extra care in the completion of the project. (20 points)
3. Timeliness: The success in executing the project within expected time frames with the number of working days allowed and used noted. (10 points)
4. General Appearance and Workmanship: Effectiveness of the contractor in constructing a quality, functional structure. Includes such items as rail alignment, appearance of construction joints, concrete surface finish uniformity, paint uniformity, concrete rebar cover, formwork details, slope paving, and riprap placement. An assessment of ride ability (when applicable) should also be included in the nomination. (50 points)
5. Any other items such as safety, quality, and cooperation that led to an outstanding project. (10 points)

Awards:

This program is intended to recognize the lead individuals who were responsible for developing and constructing the project. To the extent possible, bridges from multiple districts, local agencies, and contractors will be recognized. Awards will be given to the Contractor, the MnDOT District Office or local agency owner, the MnDOT Project Engineer/Supervisor, and the MnDOT Chief Bridge Inspector or local agency owner Chief Bridge Inspector. The awards will be presented during the semi-annual AGC/MnDOT Bridge Office meeting at the AGC office in St. Paul.

Submittal Procedure:

Mail completed application packages to:

Bridge Construction Award Program
MnDOT Bridge Office
M.S. 610
3485 Hadley Avenue North
Oakdale, MN 55128

Due Date: October 9th, 2020

MINNESOTA BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION AWARD PROGRAM

2020 NOMINATION FORM FOR MINNESOTA BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Bridge Number _____ Mn/DOT District/District State Aid _____

County _____ Trunk Highway or Local Route _____

Date Open to Traffic _____

Bridge Const Award Category < \$1.5 million _____ \$1.5 to \$5.0 million _____
> \$5.0 million _____

Structure Description: _____

AGC Contractor _____

Sub-Contractors _____

Material Suppliers _____

Contractor's Foreman _____

MnDOT Project Engineer/Supervisor or Local Agency Owner

MnDOT or Local Agency Chief Inspector _____

Evaluation Criteria:

On a separate sheet describe how the completed project achieved each of the following:

- Innovations
- Complexity of Project
- Timeliness
- General Appearance and Workmanship
- Other Quality, Safety, or Cooperation Highlights

Submitted by: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____