



2020 ACI-NA Environmental Achievement Awards Rules & Instructions

Since 1997, ACI-NA has recognized its airport members that strive to protect and preserve the environment through its programs, initiatives and projects. Established by the ACI-NA Environmental Affairs Committee, the annual ACI-NA Environmental Achievement Awards acknowledge the

hard work and accomplishments of ACI-NA members by promoting awareness more broadly within the airport community, the general public and regulators of the many notable and innovative efforts being undertaken by environmental professionals at airports.

Environmental and planning staffs at our airports deserve recognition for their efforts in developing and implementing programs that protect the environment while keeping their airport’s projects on schedule, minimizing community and regulatory controversy and using creative means of maximizing overall cost-benefit. Awards may be granted in the categories of environmental management, mitigation, outreach/education/community involvement, and innovative/special projects. Only entries meeting the award criteria will be considered.

Airports do not need to designate a specific category for their project in the application.

Rather, the judges will consider all entries for the five categories and select the best example for each category. Due to this, airports need to only submit each project once – however airports may submit more than one project in the same year (but each project requires its own entry form and fee, and should be submitted via separate emails).

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### ***Airport Project Award Categories***

One award may be granted each year for an *airport project* in each of the following categories:

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| <b>Environmental Management</b>                         | Examples include environmental management systems, sustainability programs, deicing systems, green buildings, etc.                                                                 |
| <b>Mitigation</b>                                       | Examples include wetlands restoration, stream mitigation/restoration, noise mitigation, etc.                                                                                       |
| <b>Outreach, Education, and Community Involvement</b>   | Examples include environmental awareness campaigns, tenant engagement activities, wildlife training programs, community roundtables, etc.                                          |
| <b>Environmental Improvement with Limited Resources</b> | This category recognizes an airport that may have limited resources to devote to environmental improvement projects, and are making great strides within their existing situation. |
| <b>Innovative/Special Projects</b>                      | This category is designed to include unique, innovative projects that may not fit within the other broader categories.                                                             |

***Selection Criteria for Airport Projects:***

Entries for each award category will be measured against the following criteria by a panel of four independent judges, including representatives from the FAA, Transport Canada, the media and industry:

- **Environmental Benefit** - Project, initiative or program should achieve overall environmental benefits. Benefits should be demonstrated through a comparison of the state before implementation of the project, initiative or program to the state after implementation using life-cycle analysis, risk analysis or other quantitative or qualitative performance measures.
- **Innovation** - Project, initiative or program should exhibit innovation in working toward an environmental improvement or solution at the airport or surrounding community. Examples of innovation include new technologies, methods or information, or innovative methods of implementing or utilizing existing technologies, methods or information.
- **Effective Implementation** - Project, initiative or program should be effectively implemented in a manner that achieves maximum environmental benefit while cooperating with necessary stakeholders and partners and minimizing time, effort and cost.
- **Widespread Applicability** - Project, initiative or program should contribute information, technology or techniques that provide an environmental benefit while demonstrating the potential for applicability at other airports.
- **Cost Effectiveness** - Project, initiative or program should be cost effective as demonstrated through cost-benefit analysis, life-cycle costs or other cost comparison technique.

***Eligibility for Airport Project Awards:***

Any ACI-NA member airport is eligible for award consideration. The award applicant may be comprised of an individual, group of individuals, an airport owner(s), a tenant, a consultant, or combination thereof. Non-ACI-NA members may support applicants in the awards selection process, but the lead applicant must be an ACI-NA airport. Applicants who have previously submitted an entry(ies), but did not receive an award, may resubmit that same entry in succeeding years without prejudice.

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Application Requirements

Application: After completing the entry form, award applications must include a **single PDF file** that has the following:

- Two-page (max) application executive summary, signed and dated by the lead applicant representative; include in the executive summary clear information on

how the project meets the selection criteria.

- Narrative fully describing the project, program, or initiative and how it meets the selection criteria above (ten pages maximum); and
- At least one letter of support from an entity(ies) other than the applicant(s). For the individual award, the letter of support may come from the primary nominator (i.e. person other than the individual being nominated for recognition)

Application narratives must be double-spaced and may not exceed 10 pages including all text, graphics and photos. The letters of support **do not** count toward the 10-page limit. The executive summary does not count towards the 10-page maximum for the application narrative.

Entry Fee: The fee for entry is \$85 for each airport project award entered. There is no fee for individual nominations.

Submittal Requirements: Applications must be submitted to by **Friday, February 28th**. Late applications will not be transmitted to or considered by the judges. Winners will be notified by Thursday, March 26, with formal recognition at the ACI-NA [Airports@Work Conference](#) in Seattle, WA from April 27 – 30.

Electronic nominations and supporting materials are required. For questions, please contact Melinda Pagliarello at mpagliarello@airportscouncil.org.