

WHAT IS THE COUNTY PIA?

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas County Public Improvement Awards (PIA) competition recognizes engineering projects, not for their engineering excellence, but for their benefit to the citizens of the community. Judges are asked to use this criteria when ranking the entries. This is an unusual approach, as most engineering awards recognize their excellence in engineering.

WHY SHOULD YOUR COUNTY ENTER?

The Public Improvement Awards offer your county an excellent opportunity to gain well-deserved recognition for your county's public improvement projects. A representative from each of the winning counties will receive an engraved plaque at the Kansas Association of Counties Annual Conference in November to commemorate the achievement. Your community will also receive public relations benefits by entering this competition.

WHEN SHOULD YOU ENTER?

Now! Visit with your appropriate county personnel, review your community projects, and submit your application as soon as possible. Applications must be in the ACEC of Kansas office before the close of business on September 15, 2017.

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COUNTY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AWARDS

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RULES OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF KANSAS COUNTY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AWARDS

1. Awards will be made according to population. One award is made in each of the following categories:
 1. Under 10,000
 2. 10,000 and above
2. Projects to be considered must have been substantially completed between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.
3. Any construction project which involved PUBLIC funds will be eligible.
4. **PLEASE NOTE:** In keeping with our mission to promote the use of Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) in selection of professional design services, entries must have been procured using a pure QBS system. Any requirement to submit costs or hours (actual or estimated) prior to final selection will render a project ineligible. A copy of the original project request for qualifications must be submitted with the application. If hired directly under a sole source relationship, please indicate this in lieu of the copy of the request for qualifications. **Entries that do not contain documentation or confirmation of a pure QBS procurement process will not be considered.**
5. Contribution of the project to the county and community will be of great importance.
6. Size and cost of the project will not be the determining factors in selecting winners.
7. Pictures of the completed project will be of great assistance to the judges.
8. Mailing size should not exceed a 12" X 15½" envelope.
9. Only one copy is needed.
10. Applications or any questions should be directed to American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas, 825 S. Kansas Avenue, Suite 500, Topeka, KS 66612. (785) 357-1824
11. Applications must be in the ACEC of Kansas office before the close of business on September 15, 2017.

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 15, 2017 IN OVERLAND PARK.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS CAN BE ENTERED?

This partial list of past winning counties and projects will give you an idea of the types of projects that can be entered:

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| 2016 | Grant - Grant County K-25/Road 21 Turn Lanes
Johnson - Mission Road High Risk Rural Road Improvements |
| 2015 | Hodgeman - Hodgeman County, FAS Bridge #7 |
| 2014 | Harper - Harper County Road Bridge Shop/EMS Facility
Douglas - Douglas County US 56/Bullpup Drive/East 1600 Road Improvements Project |
| 2013 | Ellsworth - Western State Bank Expo Center |
| 2012 | Kiowa - Kiowa County Commons
Leavenworth - County Road 5 Over Stranger Creek—ST-15/ST-33 Bridge Replacements |
| 2011 | Miami - 223rd Street Grade Separation |
| 2010 | Kiowa - Kiowa County Courthouse Reconstruction Project
Johnson - Wolcott Water Treatment Plant |
| 2009 | Barber - Sun City Road Re-Alignment
Reno - 56th Ave. & Plum Street Roundabout |
| 2008 | Shawnee - Southwest 53rd Street & Wanamaker Road |
| 2007 | Clay - Morganville Bridge Replacement
Harvey - Bituminous Mill & Overlay, Road Way Construction & Parking Lot Construction |
| 2006 | Anderson - New Spencer Crossing Bridge
Seward - Landfill Biogas Recovery System |

REMEMBER, this is just a sampling of projects entered in the past. Take a chance by entering your project today. Your county could be listed as next year's winner!