

MBCEA Building of the Year Awards

Entry Deadline: February 23, 2026

The MBCEA Building of the Year Award gives us all a chance to showcase the advances and innovations our industry has made in recent years. We invite you to submit your application and earn national recognition for outstanding efforts in creating one of the best metal building systems of the year!

To enter - just follow the rules below and submit your project information via mbceaawards.org. Please remember that the better the photographic portrayals and project details, the better the judges' chances of properly evaluating your building.

The winners will be acknowledged during our 57th Annual MBCEA Conference that will take place in **Colorado Springs, CO from April 22-24, 2026**. Award winners are asked to attend the MBCEA Conference to accept the prestigious award.

The Rules

1. This contest is open to current Contractor Members of the MBCEA, whose role was either CM, GC or Subcontractor.
2. There is no cost to submit entries; however, **a conference registration must accompany submission(s).**
3. To be eligible, buildings/projects must have been completed after January 1, 2025.
4. Each active Contractor Member may submit **up to a maximum of two (2) projects**.
5. Entries will be reviewed by a panel of industry judges based on the following criteria: Aesthetics, Unusual or Interesting Features, Quality/Safety, AC478 Accreditation, Complexity, and Green Building Elements.
6. Each entry must be a rigid frame building and submitted under one of the following four (4) categories. The hybrid category should be used for projects that are not strictly Metal Building Systems:
 - **Agricultural** (Commodity Storage, Farm Structures)
 - **Manufacturing** (Industrial or Manufacturing Operations, Production, Warehousing, Equipment Storage)
 - **Commercial** (Retail Stores, Warehousing/Storage, Hangars, Freight Terminals, Offices/Banks, Commercial Garages/Service Stations, Ministorage/Self-Storage)
 - **Community** (Recreational, Educational, Hospital/Health, Houses of Worship, Government, Transportation, Residential, Correctional Facilities)
 - **Hybrid** (Building without a rigid frame, re-roof, wall cladding)
7. Each entry must include photographic support. **A minimum of three (3) high resolution pictures** must accompany each entry, more are welcomed and encouraged. Please Note: Entries and pictures will be retained by MBCEA unless requested. Participating in the MBCEA Building of the Year Awards program, entrants grant MBCEA the right to use the submitted to promote the metal building industry.
Picture files must be labeled with project name. (Example: ABC Elementary School.jpg)
8. All entries will be automatically entered into the Metal Construction News (MCN) Project Excellence Awards. Please note the appropriate category on the bottom of your submission: Metal Building Systems Buildings, Metal Roofing (new construction), Metal Roofing (retrofit), Metal Walls (new construction), Metal Walls (retrofit), Metal Craftmanship.
9. **All award winners must attend the 57th Annual MBCEA Conference at the Hotel Polaris on April 22-24, 2026. Registration to attend the MBCEA Conference must be received before this contest entry deadline.**
10. Please submit all entries through mbceaawards.org **no later than February 23, 2026**.

The Awards

1. For each of the project categories, based on qualified submittals, there is a potential that an award will be presented to the winner of the category. No project can be named a winner in more than one category.
2. Based on all qualified MBS submittals, one entry will be selected as the 2026 Building of the Year.
3. The Building of the Year Winner project will be the subject of promotional videos for use by the MBCEA and project winner. The videos will consist of interviews with the architect, the builder and available project photos and video clips.

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Please include the following for EACH project entry:

<p><u>PROJECT CATEGORY</u> Choose one of the following:</p>	<p>(must be a metal building system or placed in hybrid) Agricultural; Manufacturing; Commercial; Community; Hybrid (MB/Conventional)</p>	
<p><u>CONTACT INFORMATION (of submitter)</u> (Must be active MBCEA Contractor/Erector Member. Manufacturers/Industry Members are not eligible.)</p>	<p>Your Company Name Your company's role on project: (CM/GC/Sub) Contact Name Address, City, State, Zip Phone Email MBCEA Conference Attendee</p>	
<p><u>PROJECT DETAILS</u> Please provide as much detail as possible, (please feel free to use additional space/paper). For additions and MB/Conventional hybrid projects – designate the MB structure portion on a picture or reference drawing.</p>	<p>If your project wins, would you like to say something about your project? Y/N</p>	
	<p>Project Name Project Website Project City & State Building Manufacturer/Supplier Architect CM/GC/Building Dealer Erector (If GC doesn't erect the building) AC478 Accredited Number of Buildings (MB vs Conventional) Square Footage of MB portion Building Dimensions of MB portion Type of Roof System & Insulation Type of Wall System & Insulation LEED Certification Level Outstanding Features/Challenges/Accomplishments Green Building Elements # of Safety Violations/Recordable Events (Please explain) Project Completion Date Photographer</p>	
<p><u>PROJECT NARRATIVE - Required</u> To aid in judging, (and as a potential part of the award presentation) please provide a paragraph to describe any of the following; the inspiration, incorporation with the neighborhood designs, the end use of the building, or the community it serves, etc.</p>		

If you have any questions, please contact us at Admin@mbcea.org.