



## 2026 SEAOSD – SD APPRECIATION

**Purpose:** To celebrate excellence among our peers and promote the structural engineering profession to a broader community, including students considering a career in structural engineering. To acknowledge outstanding structural engineering, regardless of project size, firm size or construction visibility.

**Program:** The San Diego Structural Appreciation Program aims to recognize the industry's impact on our community. The categories presented in this award program invites participation from firms of different backgrounds and sizes to shed light on their accomplishments. The goal of this program is to highlight aspects of projects beyond the structural engineering complexity and delve into characteristics that might be interesting to architects, owners, contractors, and other members of the broader design professional industry.

**Call for Entries:** To this end, **SEAOSD** hereby announce this **Call for Entries** and encourage **California-based Design Teams** to submit eligible projects for consideration in the **Annual Local Awards Program**. The participants and award recipients will be recognized during the MO Awards ceremony.

**Submission Material** – Each completed application shall include 1) entry forms and fee, 2) high resolution images of the project. The project abstract is part of the entry form, which includes questions directly aimed at highlighting the project's engineering. See **Entry Instructions** further down.

### **Entry Schedule:**

Entries due to SEAOSD  
SEAOSD Jury Review  
SEAOSD Award Banquet

May 1st, 2026  
May 29th, 2026  
TBD, 2026

### **SEAOSD AWARD CATEGORIES**

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The Appreciation Program categories would be local SEAOSD awards ONLY, not eligible to move ahead to the state level, though a project submitted under the formal SEAOC categories and submitted for one of these categories could potentially win both. **Participants may elect to submit the same project under the local and state levels.**

1. **Community Award:** Highlights structural designs that positively shape and enhance communities. From civic buildings to public spaces, entries in this category showcase projects that foster connectivity, inclusivity, and sustainable development. This category shall also include any pro-bono work.
2. **“Material” Project(s) of the Year:** Celebrates projects that demonstrate exceptional creativity and ingenuity in material selection and application. Entries showcase how materials are utilized to achieve structural integrity, functionality, and aesthetic appeal.
3. **Innovative Structural Technologies:** Honors projects that showcase groundbreaking advancements in structural engineering and technology. Entries demonstrate the application of innovative solutions to create resilient and efficient structures.
4. **Elite Residential Structures:** Showcase the meticulous craftsmanship, innovative engineering, and timeless design principles that define the finesse of luxury residential design.
4. **Industrial Ingenuity:** Acknowledges the innovative and robust structural designs of industrial buildings such as warehouses, factories, power plants, etc. Entries in this category showcase the efficient use of space, resilient materials, and cutting-edge engineering solutions.
4. **Creative Space Upgrades:** Highlights the creative and functional structural adaptations made to existing spaces to accommodate tenant needs. From office renovations to retail refurbishments, entries showcase innovative solutions that enhance usability, aesthetics, and sustainability.

### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

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Entries will be judged specifically for how well they fit the categories' definition and intent. Awards will be granted for this program either by judges or board members.

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## JURY

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The jury panel members will include three SEAOSD Member SEs in good standing.

## RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

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1. At least one member of the design team, research team, or a principal of the firm responsible for the entry, shall be a **SEAOSD Member** or **Member SE** in good standing, residing and practicing in California.
2. Projects may be of any size, type, or location.
3. The project entry must have been constructed (building) or completed (research) between **Dec. 31, 2016 and Jan. 1, 2026**.
4. Entrants may submit more than one project.
5. Projects may be entered in ONE category only.
6. Projects previously submitted are eligible for submission, except prior SEAOC/SEAOSD Excellence in Structural Engineering Award (Merit or Excellence) recipients are **not** eligible.
7. Each entry is required to include written permission of the project Engineer-of-Record, Responsible Engineer or Principal Investigator with the submission materials before entry will be considered by the Awards jury.
8. The entrant is solely responsible for any matters regarding confidentiality agreements related to the project.

## ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

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Each entry **must** include the following:

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1. A completed online **Application form**.
2. Online Payment of **Application fee**.
3. **High-resolution Digital Images:** Five (5) to twelve (12) high-resolution images (TIFF or JPEG) representing the project must be submitted. These might include images of the completed project, individual features, construction photos highlighting the structural engineering, and engineering drawings.

*All entries shall become the sole property of SEAOSD and SEAOC. SEAOSD and SEAOC reserve the right to use or publish some or the entire entry material in publications. By entering, the Entrant grants a royalty-free license to SEAOSD and SEAOC to use any copyrighted material submitted. Such right includes publication of photographs and names of award recipients without compensation to Entrants.*

## DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

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Please fill out the online Application Form linked below by May, 1<sup>st</sup>

<https://form.jotform.com/260106900809149>

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The Application need not be completed in one sitting. After saving a partially completed application, you will receive instructions on how to re-access it.

The fee for applying to the SEAOSD and SEAOC awards program is \$100. Payment instructions will be provided via confirmation of receiving your completed Application.