# Cogence Drive Award for Improving Project Delivery Call for Entries

Cogence Alliance would like to honor the best in project collaboration, while showing our community how their contributions are improving project outcomes in the A/E/C industry. The Cogence Award for Improving Project Delivery highlights the critical role and immense value that collaboration and innovation bring to building projects. The award winners will be honored at the Cogence Town Hall on Thursday, September 28, 2022, and will be featured on the Cogence website.

## How to Enter

1. **Register** your **Intent to Submit** online by **11:59 p.m. on July 15, 2022**
2. Select which category (ies) you would like to enter.
3. Review the scoring criteria.
4. Prepare your entry following the directions below.
5. **Email entry (ies)** in PDF format to admin@cogence.org by **11:59 pm on August 15, 2022**. Please use "Cogence Alliance Awards Submission" in the subject line. You will receive a receipt of confirmation within 3 business days of the deadline. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Kulczycki at (216) 544-5579 or admin@cogence.com.
6. We are accepting submissions for projects that have been completed or have a substantial completion date between July 16, 2018 - July 15, 2022.

## Entry Requirements

1. All materials must be submitted in one 8 ½ x 11 portrait PDF.
2. Contents of the submission:
   a. Cover Page – Project or Individual Name, Category, and Contact Person (name, email address and phone number of the person nominating the project or individual).
   b. Entry – All questions shall be answered in order. Entries must be submitted in an organized, concise manner. The Entry must be well written and provide specific details and examples.
3. Note: By submitting a project or individual for an award, you are granting Cogence, its representatives and employees the right to use photographs and submission response provided in connection with the above-identified subject in print and/or digital media platforms. Cogence may use photographs provided with or without your name and for any lawful purpose, including such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

## Award Categories

1. Project Award – *Project must be completed between July 16, 2018 and July 15, 2022.*
   a. There will be 4 project categories – Extreme (over $350 million) - Large ($50 million - $350 million) – Mid-size ($15 million - $50 million) and Small (Under $15 million). NOTE: the dollar amounts are for the construction costs.
   b. Projects can be nominated by any team member (owner, architect, engineer, construction manager, trades contractors, etc.). One submission per project.
2. Individual and Emerging Leader/Rising Star Awards
   a. Individual must be nominated by someone other than his or herself. Person nominating the individual may work with the nominee to obtain information for the submission.

# Entry Questions

**Project Award Category**

General Information

1. Project Category (Extreme, Large, Mid-size, or Small)
2. Project Name
3. Project Location
4. Name and Address of Owner
5. Project Team Members *(company names and addresses)*
6. Delivery Method
7. Project Start Date
8. Project Completion Date *(planned and actual)*
9. Construction Cost *(initial vs final)*
10. General Project Description *(maximum 300 words)*

Performance Information

1. Contributions Made to Collaborative Process
   Provide a summary, with specific evidence and examples, of contributions made to enhance project outcomes. The contributions/examples should relate to at least 2 of the following topics: *(maximum 700 words)*
   a. *A collaborative project culture that leverages each team member's strengths.*
   b. *Reduced risks and improved outcomes for everyone.*
   c. *Projects that are financially responsible and enjoyable.*
   d. *Development of new lines of thought to move the A/E/C industry forward.*
2. Project Metrics
   Outside of schedule and budget (asked in the general information section), provide metrics that demonstrate how the team contributed to project success. Examples include:
   a. Reduction of RFI's and change orders.
   b. If project came in under budget, site specific examples on how and where the dollars were saved.
   c. Contingency – how much if any, of the contingency was used.
   d. Other metrics you deem important to the project.
3. Photography
   a. Provide project pictures (exterior, interior, landscape, etc.) – *up to 4 pictures*
   b. Provide project team "action" pictures *(i.e. team pull planning sessions, in-field innovations, etc.)*
   c. Submit individual photo files to Dropbox Link that will be provided to you by admin@cogence.org

**Individual and Emerging Leader/Rising Star Award Category**

General Information

1. Individual Name
2. Company Name and Address
3. Current Role with Description
4. Recent Projects that incorporated a high level of collaboration or alternative delivery method (within the last 5 years). Please include:
   a. Project Name
   b. Project Owner/Institution
   c. Role on Project
   d. Duration of Project
   e. What the individual influenced on the project

Performance Information

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   Provide a summary, with specific evidence and examples, of contributions made to enhance project outcomes. The contributions/examples should relate to at least 2 of the following topics: *(maximum 700 words)*
   a. *A collaborative project culture that leverages each team member's strengths.*
   b. *Reduced risks and improved outcomes for everyone.*
   c. *Projects that are financially responsible and enjoyable.*
   d. *Development of new lines of thought to move the A/E/C industry forward.*

2. Contributions as a Team Mentor *(maximum 300 words)*
   Provide a summary, with evidence or specific examples, of contributions made by the nominee as a mentor (advisor, coach or motivator) to another individual or individuals in his/her organization or project team where the nominee helped others embrace project delivery methods and buy into a new way of working.

3. Reference Letters
   Provide at least 2 reference letters (references must not be both from the same company) that support the individual's contributions to improving project delivery through collaboration.

## Scoring Criteria

The jurors will evaluate entries based on the following:

**Project Award Category Criteria**

### Project Description                                                    15 Points

A summary of the project that describes its biggest challenges and complexities, as well as what the team did to make the project successful.

### Contributions Made to Collaborative Process                           50 Points

*Substance of accomplishments*                                            *30 Points*

*Degree to which accomplishments are attributable to team collaboration*  *20 Points*

A summary, with specific evidence and examples, of contributions made to enhance project outcomes. The contributions/examples should relate to at least 2 of the following topics:

- *A collaborative project culture that leverages each team member's strengths.*
- *Reduced risks and improved outcomes for everyone.*
- *Projects that are financially responsible and enjoyable.*
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### Project Metrics                                                        20 Points

Provide quantifiable data that supports why using a collaborative approach improved the project.

### Project and Team Photos                                               10 Points

Team photos illustrating collaboration.

### Quality of Submittal                                                   5 Points

Entrant has provided the application in an organized, concise manner which is well written and provides details.

### Evaluation Maximum Points                                             100 Points

**Individual and Emerging Leader/Rising Start Award Category Criteria**

### Individual's Recent Project History and Role                          20 Points

Project history emphasizing detailed descriptions of the nominee's role and indicating the level of influence he/she have within his/her organization and/or on assigned project.

### Contributions Made to the Collaborative Process                       50 Points

*Substance of accomplishments*                                            *30 Points*

*Degree to which accomplishments are attributable to the candidate*       *20 Points*

A summary, with specific evidence and examples, of contributions the individual has made to enhance project outcomes. The contributions/examples should relate to at least 2 of the following topics:

- *A collaborative project culture that leverages each team member's strengths.*
- *Reduced risks and improved outcomes for everyone.*

- *Projects that are financially responsible and enjoyable.*
- *Development of new lines of thought to move the A/E/C industry forward.*

**Contributions as a Team Mentor**                                               **10 Points**

A summary, with evidence or specific examples, of contributions made by the nominee as a mentor (advisor, coach or motivator) to another individual or individuals in his/her organization or on a project team where he/she helped them embrace project delivery methods and buy-in to a new way of working.

**References and Endorsements**                                                **15 Points**

Provided at least two quality reference letters from supervisors or recent project team members that address the nominee's approach to collaboration and improving project delivery.

**Quality of Submittal**                                                      **5 Points**

The application is submitted in an organized, concise manner which is well written and provides details.

**Evaluation Maximum Points**                                              **100 Points**