

2025 Awards & Recognitions: Criteria

Transportation Project of the Year – Planning

This award honors the planning efforts for projects that increase transportation choices for all populations. (*Examples: Transportation studies; complete streets plans or projects, plans for pedestrian, streets, highways, aviation, parking, maritime, transit or rail; development and expansion of transportation systems; development and expansion of trail system*)

Criteria:

- Innovation: An innovative transportation initiative/solution/project/policy.
- Implementation: Successful Implementation of project elements.
- Challenges/Barriers: Surmounted challenges.
- Result: Project's purpose achieved.
- Equity: Advances access, inclusion, or workforce diversity.

Transportation Project of the Year – Design Under \$10 Million

This award honors design projects under \$10 Million construction value that have completed a significant project milestone (i.e. 15%, 30%, 60%, 90%). (*Examples: Streetscape, Underground Utility, Aviation, Highway/Freeway, Interchange*)

Criteria:

- Innovation: An innovative transportation initiative/solution/project/policy.
- Implementation: Successful Implementation of project elements.
- Challenges/Barriers: Surmounted challenges.
- Result: Project's purpose achieved.
- Equity: Advances access, inclusion, or workforce diversity.

Transportation Project of the Year – Design Over \$10 Million

This award honors design projects over \$10 Million construction value that have completed a significant project milestone (i.e. 15%, 30%, 60%, 90%). (*Examples: Streetscape, Underground Utility, Aviation, Highway/Freeway, Interchange*)

Criteria:

- Innovation: An innovative transportation initiative/solution/project/policy.
- Implementation: Successful Implementation of project elements.
- Challenges/Barriers: Surmounted challenges.
- Result: Project's purpose achieved.
- Equity: Advances access, inclusion, or workforce diversity.

Transportation Project of the Year - Construction Under \$10 Million

This award honors construction projects under \$10 Million construction value. (Examples: Streetscape, Underground Utility, Aviation, Highway/Freeway, Interchange)

Criteria:

- Innovation: An innovative transportation initiative/solution/project/policy.
- Implementation: Successful Implementation of project elements.
- Challenges/Barriers: Surmounted challenges.
- Result: Project's purpose achieved.
- Equity: Advances access, inclusion, or workforce diversity.

Transportation Project of the Year - Construction Over \$10 Million

This award honors construction projects over \$10 Million construction value. (Examples: Streetscape, Underground Utility, Aviation, Highway/Freeway, Interchange)

Criteria:

- Innovation: An innovative transportation initiative/solution/project/policy.
- Implementation: Successful Implementation of project elements.
- Challenges/Barriers: Surmounted challenges.
- Result: Project's purpose achieved.
- Equity: Advances access, inclusion, or workforce diversity.

Agency of the Year

The Agency of the Year award is designed to honor an agency for their support of the goals and purpose of WTS by recruiting, retaining, and advancing women.

Criteria:

- An agency with career development plans and succession programs in place for women to advance within the organization.
- An agency that supports continuing education of its employees through professional education, professional organizations, and professional development opportunities.
- An agency that encourages women students to enter the transportation field by providing internship opportunities.
- An agency that has supported WTS.

Employer of the Year

The Employer of the Year award is designed to honor an organization for their support of the goals and purpose of WTS by recruiting, retaining, and advancing women.

Criteria:

- An organization with career development plans and succession programs in place for women to advance within the organization.
- An organization that supports continuing education of its employees through professional education, professional organizations, and professional development opportunities.
- An organization that encourages women students to enter the transportation field by providing internship opportunities.
- An organization that has supported WTS.

2025 Awards & Recognitions: Instructions

Submission Deadline: [Friday, October 4, 2025](#)
Submission Method: wtscencal@gmail.com
Questions: rachel@achieveg.com

ELIGIBILITY

- Projects must be completed (or a phase substantially completed) in the past 3 years.
- Nominated projects must have taken place within the WTS-CenCal geographic area: San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern counties.
- Any individual, firm, agency, or organization may submit a nomination.
- Projects may be submitted in one or more categories.
- Projects led by current WTS-CenCal board members are eligible but must recuse themselves from judging.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Each nomination must include:

1. Nomination form

- a. **Description:** If nominating a project for a Project of the Year category, describe the project. If nominating an agency for Agency of the Year, describe the agency. If nominating an employer for Employer of the Year, describe the employer.
1 page maximum; separate attached page acceptable
- b. **Award Category:** Describe why the nominated project, agency, or employer is in alignment with award category criteria.
1 page maximum; separate attached page acceptable

2. **Letter of support** from a partner, client, or stakeholder
3. **1- 5 supporting graphics** (photos, renderings, and/or maps)

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit all materials by email to wtscencal@gmail.com by October 4, 2025 with the following subject line: WTS-CenCal Award Nomination. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Please expect a confirmation email that your submission was received.

- Submission Deadline: [Friday, October 4, 2025](#)
- Submission Method: Email to wtscencal@gmail.com
- Email subject line: [WTS-CenCal Award Nomination](#)
- File names of attachments: project name and content
(e.g., "GreenlineBRT_Summary.pdf")

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NOMINEE: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT FOR NOMINATION (NOMINATOR)

Name:
Title:
Organization:
Phone:
Email:
City/Region:

AWARD RECIPIENT DETAILS

Organization/Lead Entity:
Contact Person (if different than above):
Email/Phone:

COLLABORATORS TO RECOGNIZE (Optional)

1. Name:
Organization:

2. Name:
Organization:

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

By signing below, I affirm that all credited parties are appropriately acknowledged and that this project meets the eligibility and submittal requirements described in the 2025 WTS-CenCal Project Awards Program. I confirm that I am authorized to submit this nomination, and that all information provided is accurate. I grant WTS-CenCal the right to use submitted materials for promotional and archival purposes. I understand that submission does not guarantee an award and agree to indemnify WTS-CenCal against any claims arising from this nomination. All data will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy laws.

SIGNATURE

Signature of Nominator: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

A. Description

1 page maximum; separate attached page acceptable

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If nominating an agency for Agency of the Year, describe the agency.

If nominating an employer for Employer of the Year, describe the employer.



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B. Award Category

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Check one category:

- ☐ **Transportation Project of the Year - Planning**
- Transportation Project of the Year - Design Under \$10 Million**
- Transportation Project of the Year - Design Over \$10 Million**
- Transportation Project of the Year - Construction Under \$10 Million**
- Transportation Project of the Year - Construction Over \$10 Million**
- Agency of the Year**
- Employer of the Year**

Describe why the nominated project, agency, or employer is in alignment with award category criteria: