

CMAA 2026

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

CALL FOR ENTRIES

2025 CMAA Project Achievement Award and Project of the Year Award

Education: Construction value less than \$50 Million

Gochland County Public Schools, New Gochland
Elementary School Careers Campus

Owner: Gochland County Public Schools

CM/PM Project Team: MBP

Celebrating Excellence In The Built Environment

Each year, America's leading professional construction and program managers deliver creative and innovative projects around the world. Many of these projects have a great story to tell, regardless of size or complexity. Whether a small elementary school renovation, a large federal installation, or a dam, successful projects represent lessons learned in our industry, and we want to know about them! In addition to client satisfaction and praise, you deserve recognition from your peers as well. And we'd like to deliver that recognition to you and your team.

CMAA's Project Achievement Awards program is among the highlights of our year. Our awards program highlights the best of the best, those projects that serve as an example to the industry, and are true pinnacles of excellence and innovation. Now is your time to shine. This year, the spotlight could be on you and your project team.

- **Have you completed a project you're very proud of?**
- **Do you want to recognize your project team's commitment to excellence?**
- **Is your project an example of successful construction/program management?**

If yes to any of the above, we invite you to compete for a 2026 Project Achievement Award. Organizations both large and small are invited to submit project nominations. Awards speak volumes about the level of service a firm provides. Here's your chance to showcase your best work to the entire industry – and be part of a productive multi-tiered program honoring your accomplishments. Winners in all categories/market sectors will be showcased throughout CMAA activities this Fall.

2024 CMAA Project Achievement Award

Water/Wastewater/Utility: Construction value greater than \$50 Million

San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Headworks Improvements and New Headworks Project

Owner: City of San Jose, Calif.

CM/PM Project Team: CDM Smith



Eligibility

This competition is open to all CMAA members and non-members. Nominated projects and programs must have achieved substantial completion during the period starting June 1, 2025 and ending May 31, 2026. New projects and renovations can be submitted for consideration in all categories.

Award Categories

A TRANSPORTATION

(HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, RAIL, AVIATION, MARITIME)

1. Projects with a construction value under \$50 million
2. Projects with a construction value over \$50 million

B EDUCATION

(K-12, COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES, LIBRARIES)

1. Projects with a construction value under \$50 million
2. Projects with a construction value over \$50 million

C WATER/WASTEWATER

(STORAGE, CONVEYANCE & TREATMENT)
INDUSTRIAL, AND POWER/UTILITIES

1. Projects with a construction value under \$50 million
2. Projects with a construction value over \$50 million

D HEALTHCARE

1. Projects with a construction value under \$50 million
2. Projects with a construction value over \$50 million

E COMMERCIAL/SPORTS/ ENTERTAINMENT/HOSPITALITY

1. Projects with a construction value under \$50 million
2. Projects with a construction value over \$50 million

F GOVERNMENT

(FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL)

1. Projects with a construction value under \$50 million
2. Projects with a construction value over \$50 million

G RESIDENTIAL/MIXED-USE

1. Projects with a construction value under \$50 million
2. Projects with a construction value over \$50 million

H ENVIRONMENTAL

(WASTEWATER REUSE, ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT,
FLOOD CONTROL)

1. Projects with a construction value under \$50 million
2. Projects with a construction value over \$50 million

Project entries should be placed in the category with the best fit. Multiple entries from one firm are allowed. If a joint venture relationship, both firms must be documented in the submission. Entries may be submitted in more than one category and may be awarded in more than one category. If a nomination is submitted in more than one category, separate entries must be made for each.

CMAA members will vote for a single “Project of the Year” – the project across all categories that best exemplifies the value of professional construction/program management.

Invite your client to join in the celebration!

The awards submission process is simple and stresses the concrete contributions of the entire CM/PM team to achieve project success. Why not take your turn in the spotlight?



2025 CMAA Project Achievement Award

Government: Construction value less than \$50 Million

Department of Veterans Affairs HQ Optimization

Owner: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

CM/PM Project Team: Procon

Judging

The Awards Committee is composed of senior level owners and professional construction managers, who will focus on the details provided in the nomination package. Submitters do not have to address all of the diverse criteria for excellence in CM. Instead, each submitter is free to make the best possible case for a project as an example of creativity, innovation, and service. Your statement describing the CM's unique contributions, along with information you submit to support that statement, make up 70% of your score with your documented positive outcomes making up the other 30%.



Dates To Remember

June 12, 2026

Project nomination submissions and 2026 payment due via online portal at www.cmaanet.org/PAA2026.

July 31, 2026

All project submissions will be notified of status (winning or not).

August 3, 2026

Winning projects will be notified on 2026 CMAA Project Achievement Award ceremony and activities at CMAA2026. Representatives from winning teams should plan on attending CMAA2026 in Denver.

2024 CMAA Project Achievement Award

Commercial/Sports/Entertainment/Hospitality:

Construction value greater than \$50 Million

BETA Technologies S40 Aircraft Assembly Facility

Owner: Beta Technologies

CM/PM Project Team: PC Construction



Submittal Instructions

Each entry must be submitted online at www.cmaanet.org/PAA2026 and will require:

- Basic information about the project and project team. Contact information for each project stakeholder must be included in the application.
- Clear and concise details regarding the construction manager's contributions to the success of the project.
- Owner/client testimonials and quantifiable project outcomes.
- High resolution (300dpi) images of the project - three during construction, three of the finished project. Please provide a mix of landscape and portrait. Submitter grants CMAA the right to use these photographs for marketing purposes.
- Payment. The entry fee is \$410 for members, \$625 for non-members, which must be paid online. Once paid, a link to the submission portal will be provided.

PART ONE: PROJECT & TEAM INFORMATION (No scoring weight)

Please list all major participants involved in the project, including:

Owner Construction/Project Manager Designer Architect Engineer General Contractor Other Key Stakeholders

Brief description of project to include location, construction value, and contract term.

PART TWO: CM INNOVATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS (30% scoring weight)

Provide a statement not exceeding 400 words that describes unique contributions the CM made to the success of this project or program.

Questions to consider:

What did the CM do that was unique and special? What did the applicant provide that another CM/PM firm would not or could not have provided? Stress how the CM solved a problem, created an opportunity, or overcame challenges.

PART THREE: SUPPORTING INFORMATION (40% scoring weight)

Provide detail to support the statement(s) made in Part Two. Focus on as many of the areas listed below as may be appropriate to the project. Everything submitted in Part Four must relate to and support statements made in Part Three. It's not necessary to address all of the areas below. The judges will look for evidence of innovation and creativity on the part of the CM. Your project's uniqueness may involve only one or two of these elements. Focus on those strong points and make your case. Do not provide detailed descriptions of materials, methods, and processes that are well known and commonly used.

Overall management	Team leadership	Quality management	Cost management	Project delivery method
Schedule management	Safety management	Customer service	Public awareness	Risk mitigation
Use of technology	Sustainability	Lean methods	Unique challenges and CM responses	

PART FOUR: OUTCOMES (30% scoring weight)

- Client/owner letters or testimonials (10%).
- Schedule performance (5%) – Did the project meet schedule requirements?
- Claims (5%) – Were there any claims associated with the project?
- Cost performance (5%) – How did final cost compare to the budgeted amount?
- Safety, including OSHA recordable injury/illness rates (5%). What was the project's safety record?

Questions?

Contact the CMAA Member
Engagement Team at 703-356-2622.

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The West Maui Temporary School Facility Project

Owner: Hawaii Department of Education

CM/PM Project Team: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and
Pono Aina Management

