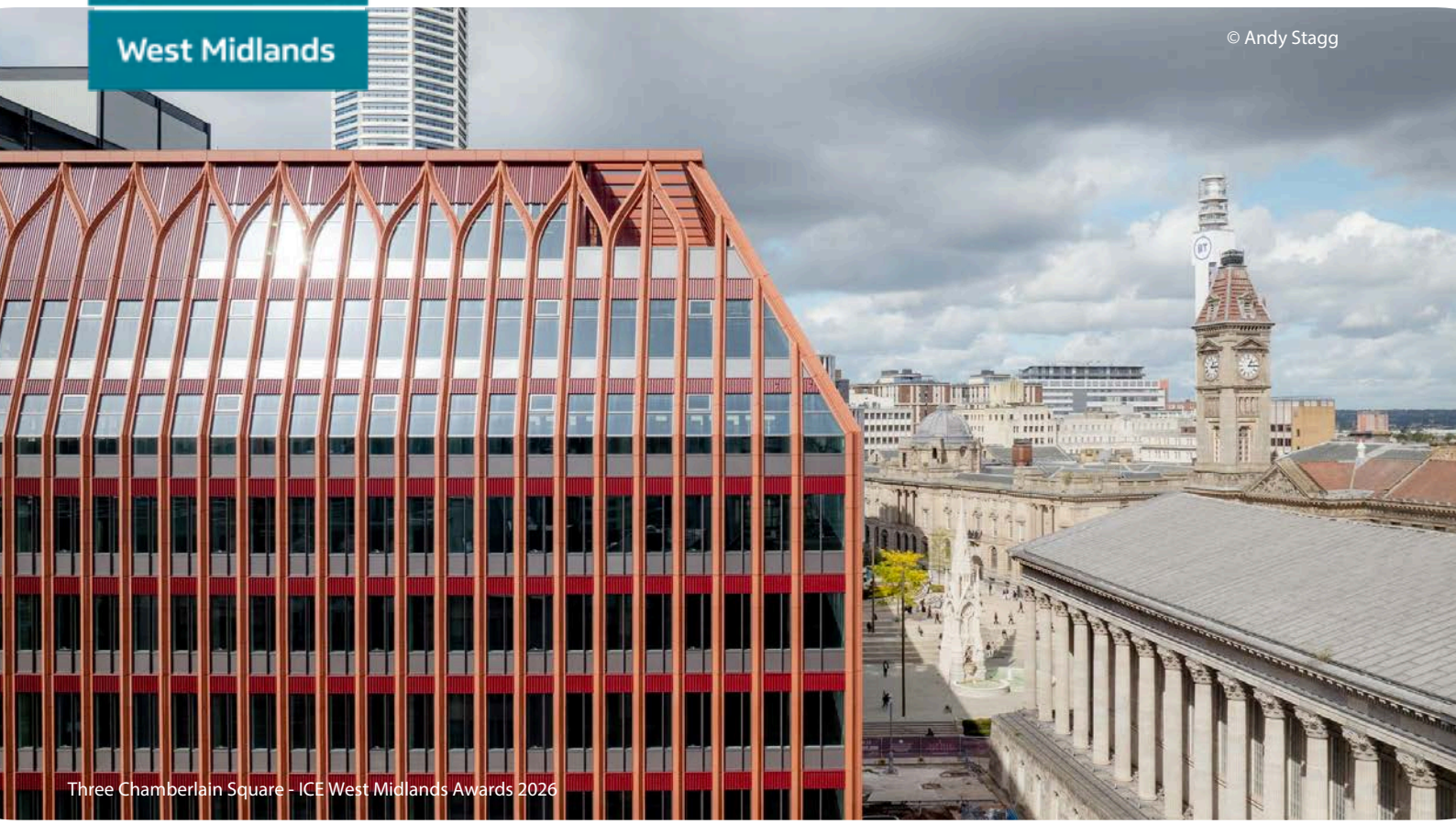
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"We're delighted to see University Station recognised at these prestigious awards. This achievement highlights the power of collaboration and teamwork with all partners coming together to demonstrate what can be achieved through a united effort and goal." Paul Fountaine, Director of SLC Rail and the SLC -AECOM JV

"Being recognised by the ICE at the regional awards is a fantastic achievement for the university and demonstrates the dedication of our team. This award highlights our commitment to excellence and continuous efforts with different research projects." Nicole Metje, Professor at University of Birmingham

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Introduction



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The ICE West Midlands Awards provides an opportunity to celebrate outstanding civil and infrastructure engineering achievements, innovation and ingenuity in the region.

Winners will be announced at the ICE West Midlands Awards ceremony at Grand Station in Wolverhampton on Thursday, 13 May 2027.

The awards will be presented to the submitting organisation and other partners (commissioning authority, designer, contractor or research establishment as appropriate) or individuals.

The award categories are:

PROJECT AWARDS

Carbon and Sustainability Award

Design, Studies and Research Award

Social Value Award

Heritage Award

Innovation and Technical Excellence Award

SAID *(Systems Approach to Infrastructure Delivery)* Award

Team Achievement Award

Project under £10m

Project over £10m

PEOPLE AWARDS

Bob Dunn Award

Rising Star Award

Technician Award

If you are intending to enter the awards, ICE West Midlands ask that you complete the "Expression of Interest" online form by midday Thursday, 11 March 2027.

All entries should be submitted via WeTransfer and the link emailed to: wmawards@ice.org.uk no later than midday on Thursday, 25 March 2027.

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Rules of Entry



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The ICE West Midlands Awards celebrate people and projects in the region and all entries should therefore demonstrate civil and infrastructure engineering at its best.

Civil and infrastructure engineering is about helping people and shaping the world. It's the work that civil and infrastructure engineers do to make our lives that much easier, such as:

Keeping the nation powered and switched on by supplying electricity and gas to our homes.

Providing clean water and purifying it so it can be reused.

Building all sorts of things so that people can easily get around, from roads and bridges to railways and airports.

Engineering lots of other things, such as finding innovative ways of recycling waste to finding solutions to pollution.

Award entries must conform to the rules of entry and category descriptions.

3.1 Projects submitted must have been substantially completed during the 2026 calendar year.

3.2 In the case of longer-term projects (spanning more than one calendar year), the submitting organisation should decide in which year the project has made the most significant impact and enter accordingly. It may be appropriate to enter a stand-alone element of the project, and the completed project in future awards.

3.3 There is no shortlisting. All submissions will be judged for an award.

3.4 In the People Award categories, previous winners within the last two years are not eligible for consideration.

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Submissions



All submissions must include the following; failure to include any element may result in disqualification.

4.1 A 150-word executive summary of the entry. This is intended to highlight key aspects of the submission and areas of excellence, including any special features. The executive summary wording may also be used in promotion of the entry in ICE West Midlands marketing and publicity materials.

4.2 A completed entry form where all involved parties are listed, with their role in the project clearly specified.

4.3 One electronic copy of the submission – not more than 1000 words (excluding the executive summary) presented in PDF format, including copy text, photographs and images/drawings totalling no more than 10Mb in size. Please contact ICE West Midlands for further guidance. All pages should be suitable for printing in A4 format.

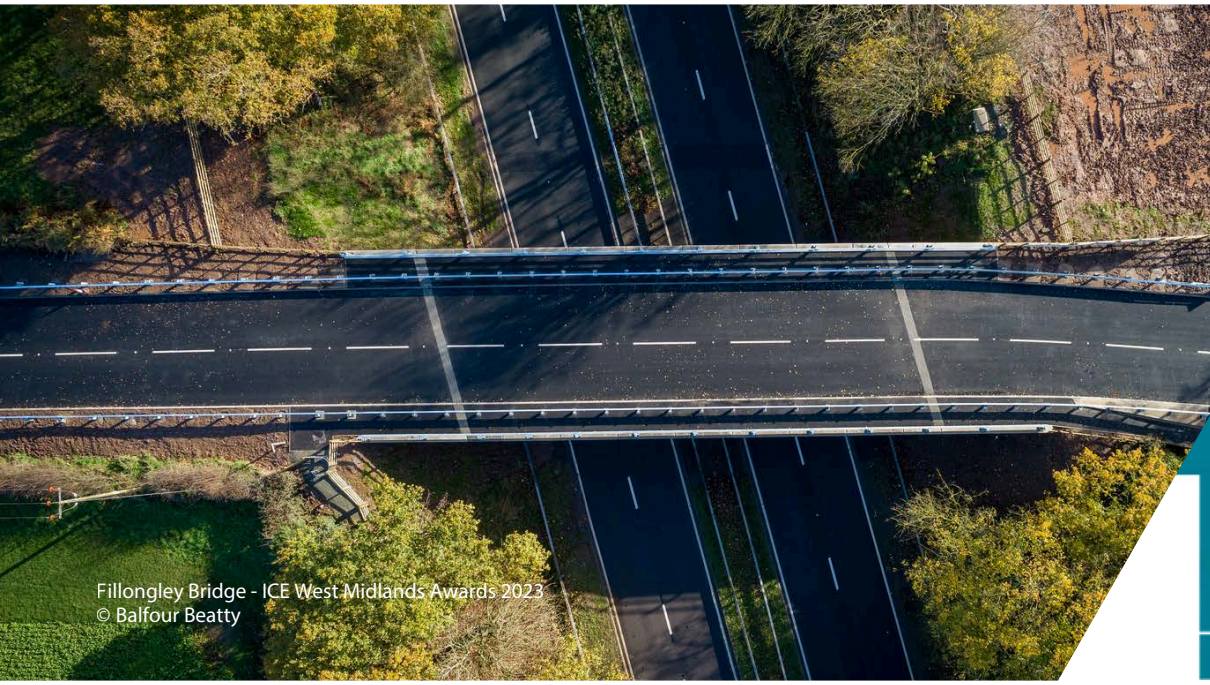
4.4 Payment of the entry fees: A fee of £250 + VAT is to be paid at the time of submission by midday on Thursday, 25 March 2027.

NB: No fee is required for People Award nominations or for academic institutions entering the Design, Studies and Research Award. Please contact wmawards@ice.org.uk for payment details or click here to access the payment page.

4.5 The submission should set out the conception, realisation and execution of the project with particular emphasis on the points included in the judging criteria.

4.6 Evidence of prior written approval to the entry by all involved parties must be included in the submission. This approval of entry will also cover approval of all subsequent promotion of the West Midlands Awards by ICE for presentation and media purposes. It is the entrant's responsibility to provide all relevant permissions. Failure to provide these at the time of submission may result in the entry being withdrawn.

4.7 Photographs/images illustrating the project should be of high-resolution (minimum of 1Mb) JPEG format at a resolution of not less than 300dpi (suitable for high-quality printing). One of these photographs should be highlighted and captioned as the preferred image to be used in the main publicity material and for promotion of the entry at the awards ceremony. For the Design, Studies and Research Award, computer-generated models may be appropriate.
Copyright ownership or permission must also be evidenced.



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4.8 Additional supporting material may be included but should be concise and clearly referenced within the entry submission (i.e. using page/diagram/figure details) otherwise it will be disregarded by the judging panel. Electronic visualisations (video fly-throughs or animations, for example) of not more than three minutes may be included to emphasise or explain a particular part of the design or process but will not form part of the judging process.

4.9 It is the responsibility of the entrant to declare, at time of submission, any instances of negative media coverage related to the project. Please note that this will not affect the judging process and is for awareness purposes for ICE external media planning.

4.10 All entry material should be submitted via WeTransfer and emailed to : wmawards@ice.org.uk

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Judging process



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5.1 There is no shortlisting process – all submitted entries will be considered and the winning entries announced at the ICE West Midlands Awards ceremony on Thursday, 13 May 2027. No announcements will be made in advance.

5.2 The judges can only act on the information provided in the submission. No prior knowledge can be assumed by submitting organisations.

5.3 ICE West Midlands reserves the right to edit any copy submitted due to editorial constraints in our PR, promotion and marketing. ICE West Midlands also reserves the right to use images submitted in any future publications, news items, marketing and promotional materials as appropriate.

5.4 The judges decide whether entries are worthy of winning a category or being highly commended.

5.5 The judges' decision will be final and binding on all entrants and no discussions or correspondence relating to any of the judges' decisions will be entered into. Judges, at their discretion, may make more than one award for each category, but they also reserve the right to withhold from making an award if the submissions are not of the required quality.

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Categories


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Any infrastructure and civil engineering project, study and research paper, or team activity may be entered for an award, provided it meets the criteria listed in the project category descriptions.

Projects MUST be located within the ICE West Midlands geographical region (Birmingham, Black Country, Coventry, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Solihull, Staffordshire, Warwickshire or Worcestershire).

Projects submitted for awards must have been substantially completed during the 2026 calendar year. In the case of longer-term projects (stretching over more than one calendar year), it may be appropriate to enter a stand-alone element of a project.

The project may be promoted by any sector of the profession, and it may cover studies, research, development, design, project management, financial management, construction, maintenance or operation of schemes or any combination of the above.

SOCIAL VALUE AWARD

This award recognises an organisation, project or team that has made a substantial, measurable contribution to social value through infrastructure and civil engineering projects. The winning entry will demonstrate a powerful commitment to enhancing value within the local community over the last 12 to 18 months. Judges will pay special attention to initiatives focused on education and training, community engagement, supply chain development, skills enhancement, and the needs of disadvantaged or underrepresented communities.

CARBON AND SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Awarded to the project team that can demonstrate outstanding carbon management strategies and sustainability on their project.

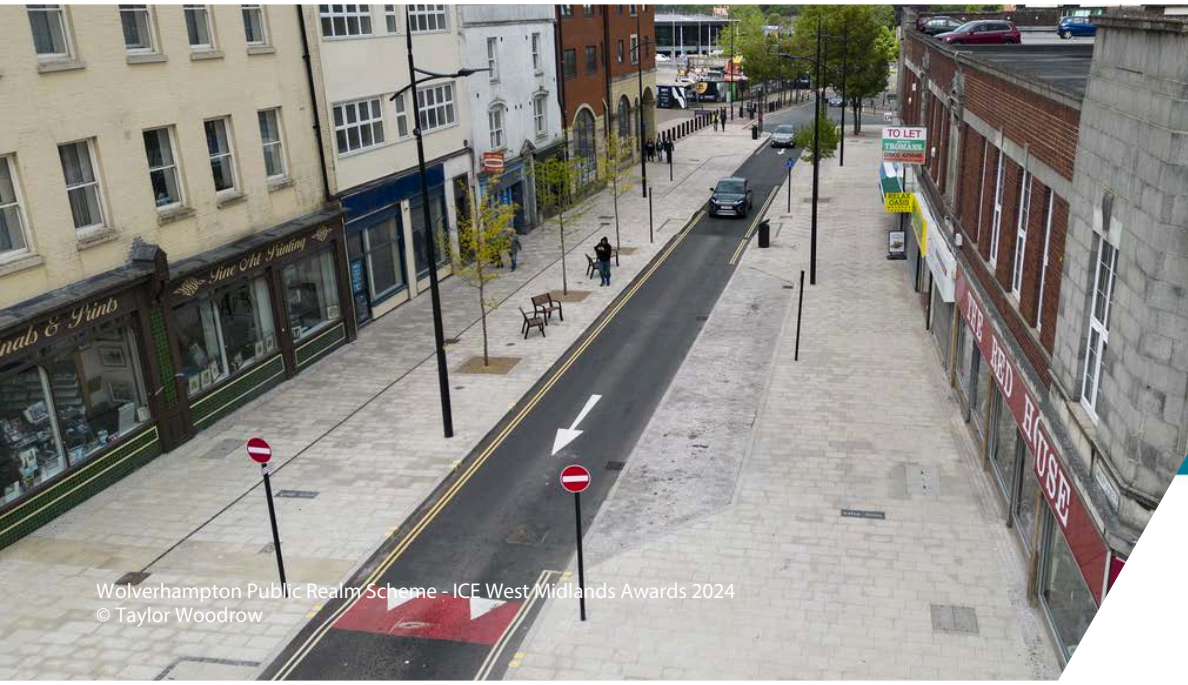
HERITAGE AWARD

For organisations, projects or teams that can demonstrate contributions to the preservation of our heritage. This can be through conservation, education or community engagement and/or through best practices in re-use, restoration or natural sites with cultural significance, such as landscapes, ecosystems, and biodiversity.

PROJECT UNDER £10M AWARD AND PROJECT OVER £10M AWARD

For these two categories, it is the overall cost of the project that should determine an entry.

All project awards will look at three key areas:
· Planning and stakeholder engagement
· Project management and procurement
· Application of engineering principles and judgement



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SAID AWARD

The Systems Approach to Infrastructure Delivery (SAID) Award is presented to the project team that best applied a systems-based approach to infrastructure delivery.

TEAM ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

For any team working in operations, construction, design (or any combination) involving the delivery of infrastructure or civil engineering-related practice, and which has made a significant contribution to society.

A demonstration of team working must be made clear, highlighting the success of the team as well as how problems were overcome through collaborative working.

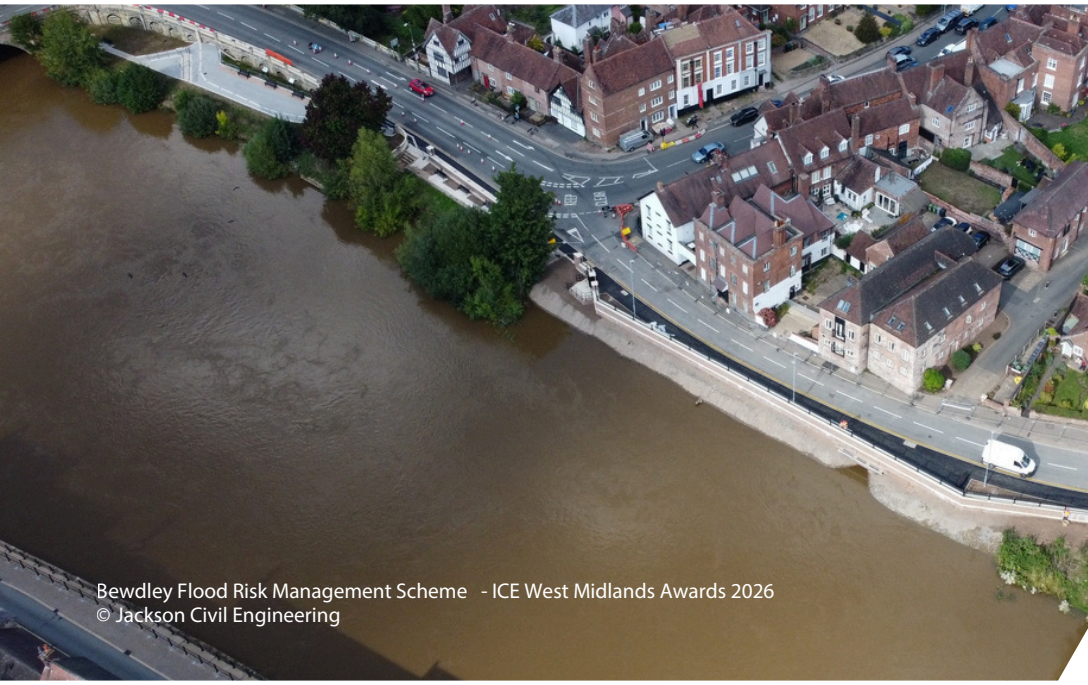
The lead partner and/or majority of the project team must be based in the West Midlands.

INNOVATION AND TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognises projects and/or teams that can demonstrate innovation and technical excellence through the creative application of engineering, design or technology to deliver outstanding outcomes for people, places or the environment. Submissions are welcome from academia and industry alike.

DESIGN, STUDIES AND RESEARCH AWARD

For conceptual ideas developed through design, studies or research (or a combination of two or more) incorporated into practical solutions and recommendations. Submissions are welcome from academia and industry alike. The lead partner and/or majority of the team must be based in the West Midlands. It should be clear that these team members have been instrumental in the project design, study or research.



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PEOPLE AWARDS

There is no fee for People Award entries. They can be submitted by an individual or third-party nomination. Nominations for People Awards should be submitted by completing the relevant People Awards section of the application form. Previous winners within the last two years are not eligible for consideration. The individual will primarily be either studying or working in the West Midlands.

Nominations should highlight how the candidate has demonstrated exceptional qualities beyond the usual realm of their role.

RISING STAR AWARD

This award recognises the outstanding achievement of a person aged 30 years or under on submission date, who is employed within the civil and infrastructure engineering industry and lives or works in the West Midlands.

BOB DUNN AWARD

This award was created in memory of the late Bob Dunn who was a well-known and admired active volunteer in the region and supported members with their professional development.

This will be awarded at the judges' discretion to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of infrastructure and civil engineering in the West Midlands. Nominations from the wider community are welcome.

TECHNICIAN AWARD

This award recognises the achievement of a person who is studying and working towards Engineering Technician status. Nominations are also very welcome from Technicians working within academia.

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Judging criteria


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The judges will consider each entry against the following criteria. Entrants are advised to sub-divide their submission to match the criteria and provide evidence accordingly. It should be noted that the submission should still form a cohesive readable document. Entrants should only include elements relevant to the award being submitted.

The judging panel, chaired by a senior member of the profession, will comprise infrastructure and civil engineers and other professionals working in the built environment.

7.1 QUALITY AND CLARITY OF SUBMISSION

Has the submission been presented in accordance with the competition requirements, is it a cohesive document and is it professionally presented?

7.2 WHOLE PROJECT IMPACT

Does the project/research/team working have a 'wow factor' that shows it as an exemplar to the industry?

Is there a clear societal benefit from the work undertaken that promotes the profession to the public?

7.3 INNOVATION AND TECHNICIAL EXCELLENCE

Has the client/researcher engaged in an innovative proposal and encouraged an innovation culture?
Has the designer employed innovative design solutions and techniques?

Has the executor (usually constructor) sought innovative approaches in the execution?

Does innovation contribute to the improvement of the civil engineering body of knowledge?

How has the project demonstrated technical excellence?

Were any new technologies, construction techniques, installation techniques, products or service improvements used?

What was the process for recording continuous improvement, learning lessons and communicating that across the team and organisations?

How has AI or Digital Technology been utilised in the projects lifecycle?

7.4 CARBON AND SUSTAINABILITY

Has the client, designer or contractor sought a sustainable outcome that meets one or more of the criteria from the UNSDGs, West Midlands Roadmap objectives or implemented carbon management strategies, as outlined in PAS 2080.

Has the value chain been involved in setting the plan for reducing carbon?

Has the designer developed the design with sustainable solutions in mind, including considerations of future operation and maintenance?

Has the executor managed the delivery in a sustainable manner?

Has the project delivered enhancements to the natural environment beyond legal compliance?

Has the designer considered a whole-life approach to sustainability in their design, including consideration of operation and maintenance impacts, resilience and future adaptability of the asset(s)?

Has the designer and/or contractor informed and influenced the client, workforce and public regarding more sustainable solutions?

Has there been any influence to all stakeholders and the general public to contribute to sustainability goals?



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7.5 PLANNING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Have the considerations of stakeholders been addressed and how have they been incorporated into the project?

What was the desired outcome and how was this planned, communicated and achieved?

When conflict occurred, how was this managed successfully to deliver an acceptable outcome?

Is there evidence of innovative communications methods being utilised?

7.6 SAFETY

How has the client/designer/executor demonstrated adherence to Construction, Design and Management (CDM) Regulations in its practices and encouraged a safety culture?

Is there evidence of Occupational Health and Welfare planning for the workforce?

For site surveys, investigations, laboratory testing, site trials, etc. (e.g Design, Studies and Research Award category) explain how the activities were carried out with safety considerations in mind.

7.7 PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND PROCUREMENT

What contribution has the project/research/team made to advancing excellence in construction?

How has the client engaged the team and what leadership was demonstrated?

Have there been issues in respect of bringing the project/research/team working as far as execution and how have they been overcome?

How did the executor manage its supply chain for mutual benefit?

Were local supply chains optimised?

7.8 APPLICATION OF ENGINEERING PRINCIPLES AND JUDGEMENT (EXCLUDING TEAM ACHIEVEMENT)

Was the design/research complex in its output and derivation?

Was the execution of the project/research complex in its technical requirements?

7.9 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

How did the leader manage the team and ensure that the right people were in the right place at the right time?

How were team skills developed?

How did the team integrate and then maintain motivation to deliver?

Did the team assemble mutually supportive and complementary skills?

Did the team bring efficiencies and effectiveness to the task in hand?

Did the team operate in an integrated and enthusiastic manner to deliver a high-quality result?



For specific categories, consider the following when completing your submission form.

8.0 SOCIAL VALUE AWARD

How was social value embedded into project leadership, governance and decision making throughout the project lifecycle?

How were social value opportunities and priorities identified? How were local communities and stakeholders involved in shaping them?

Were any initiatives delivered through collaboration with the value chain (including the client)?

How did the project bring together the client, supply chain, community organisations and other partners to identify and deliver shared social value outcomes?

What initiatives were delivered and why were they selected? How were they embedded into project decisions, design, procurement and delivery?

Did any of the initiatives align with the client/partners/organisation's commitments to social value?

How did the initiatives align with organisational commitments and wider community priorities? Where did the project go beyond existing commitments to create additional value?

What measurable and qualitative outcomes were achieved, for whom? What evidence is there to demonstrate the difference made to individuals, communities and the environment?

Have the social value achievements been measured in line with a recognised framework, for example national Themes Outcomes and Measures (TOMs)?

What are the long-term lasting benefits and how will these benefits be sustained?

What innovative approaches to deliver social value into project delivery, partnerships, procurement, resource use or community engagement?

What were the lessons learned and shared? How have they informed future practice or enabled others to replicate or adapt the approach?



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8.1 TEAM ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Did the team bring in efficiencies and effectiveness to the task in hand?

Did the team operate in an integrated and enthusiastic manner to deliver a high-quality result?

Was training in new skills considered and professional development encouraged (including apprenticeships, flexible hours and so on)?

How were the team lead to ensure that the right people were in the right place at the right time?

How did the team integrate and maintain its motivation to deliver?

What efforts were made to ensure equality, diversity and inclusion and how did this benefit the team?

8.2 SAID AWARD

Consider the best use of the eight SAID principles:

1. Think outcomes, not edifices
2. Close the gap
3. Owners must own projects
4. Future-proof projects
5. Think shovel worthy, not shovel ready
6. Bake in systems thinking
7. Agile leadership
8. Data oils your project

For more information on the SAID principles, please visit: Systems Approach to Infrastructure Delivery

How does the project focus on delivering long-term outcomes rather than physical outputs?

How were any gaps closed through design, engagement or innovation?

How were the system engineering principles embedded throughout the project lifestyle?

In what ways did the project exceed expectations?

8.3 PEOPLE AWARDS

All nominations for the Bob Dunn Award, Rising Star Award and Technician Award should highlight how the nominee demonstrates exceptional qualities beyond the expected scope of their role.

Please indicate how they have gone 'above and beyond' to promote civil engineering in the region.

What have they done outside their role that distinguishes them from other candidates?

How have they contributed ideas and/or solutions to challenges?

How do they work effectively with peers, mentors or project teams?

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Submission summary



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8.1 SIGNIFICANT DATES

Complete an Expression of Interest form by midday on Thursday, 11 March 2026.

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A fee of £250 + VAT to be paid at the time of submission.

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The ICE West Midlands Awards ceremony takes place on Thursday, 13 May 2027 and individual seats or table bookings can be made online here via ICE West Midlands Awards page.

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Sponsorship Opportunities



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ICE awards professional qualifications that set the industry standard, lead the thinking around infrastructure and the built environment and provides an unmatched level of training, knowledge and thinking.

Membership of ICE sets professionals apart through recognition and status, providing access to life-long learning resources and networks.

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ICE West Midlands represents and supports over 5,000 members living and working in the region. Working to develop and qualify professionals engaged in civil and infrastructure engineering in the West Midlands, ICE also encourages knowledge sharing and best practice for the creation of a sustainable built environment.

Partnering with ICE West Midlands provides an unparalleled opportunity to promote your company and achievements to West Midlands students and graduates, senior employees, decision makers and influencers, and raise the profile of civil and infrastructure engineering as a career choice and profession.

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