

Design Awards Highlight Industry Trends



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It is hard to believe that fall is almost upon us. Of course, fall brings us the crop of talent and innovation recognized by the PCI Design Awards competition. More than 47 years ago, PCI launched its Annual Design Awards program. The PCI Design Awards program recognizes design excellence and construction quality using precast concrete, and since its inception more than 1000 projects have been honored with these prestigious awards.

Entries are accepted in two primary categories: buildings and transportation structures. Three special award categories include All-Precast Solution, Sustainable Design, and the Harry H. Edwards Industry Advancement Award. This year the juries selected twelve building projects and seven transportation projects to receive PCI Design Awards. They also selected eight honorable mentions.

A summary of the winning building projects is included in this of issue of *Ascent*. This coverage is one of the exciting features that make this issue of *Ascent* the most read each year. For more information and pictures on the winning projects, visit www.pci.org and click on the "2009 Design Awards Winners" icon on the homepage.

One of the great benefits of the PCI Design Awards program is that it brings out the latest design trends in the industry. Look for future articles that further expand on these trends at the PCI Design Awards website and in industry publications.

The 48th Annual PCI Design Awards call for entries will open in January 2010. We look forward to your entry!



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