SEALANT, WATERPROOFING & RESTORATION INSTITUTE

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

SWR Institute invites contractor members to present their projects through the Award of Excellence Program. This program provides an excellent opportunity to gain national recognition for your unique project accomplishments.

All entries that meet the stated criteria will then be judged by a three-person panel of SWR Institute peers. Members of the panel will include a contractor, manufacturer and an associate member. The award will be presented annually at the SWR Institute Winter Technical Meeting.

The Award of Excellence Program is designed to be a very distinguished honor. It provides for recognition by fellow industry professionals and it also comes with additional benefits. There is the award itself that the winning company will get to display with pride in their homes or offices. And, there is the opportunity to have an article in the Applicator and/or give an in-person presentation at an SWR Institute meeting highlighting the project. Press releases will also be sent to the industry announcing winners.

Overall, the Award of Excellence Program offers considerable recognition to SWR Institute members. It offers public awareness on work well done in a very challenging industry. We feel this program is a tremendous way for the Institute to bring attention to the quality work being done by our members!

We encourage everyone to submit their projects for the Award of Excellence. The efforts could result in winning this elite award and provide your company well deserved national recognition.
The Sealant, Waterproofing & Restoration Institute (SWR Institute) has created the Award of Excellence Program to recognize best-in-class projects.

The terms and conditions of the Program are as follows:

1. **Judging Criteria**: Entries will be judged based upon such items as complexity, technology/innovation, sustainment, safety, community/environmental impact, challenges/solutions and quality control to name a few. The panel will be comprised of three judges consisting of one contractor, one manufacturer and one associate member as established by the Awards Committee Chairman. Three-year terms shall be employed to ensure continuity of judges. In order to establish rotating terms, initially the manufacturer shall possess a three-year term; the contractor will have a two-year term; and the associate will have a one-year term. In the event of a conflict whereby a judge is associated with a submitted project, then the judge shall abstain from voting and an alternate judge will take his/her place for that year.

2. **Scoring**: The Award of Excellence will be limited to one per year. Projects can either be new construction and/or remedial repairs. Projects can be submitted by any member. Projects must score a minimum of 85 out of 100 to win an award. In the event of multiple submittals, the project with the highest score will be designated the winner.

3. **Eligibility**: Only contractors can submit and win the Award of Excellence.

4. **Deadline**: The deadline for submission is on or before November 30 of any year to be considered for the Program for that calendar year. Any project received after November 30 will be considered submitted to the Program for the next calendar year.

5. **Cost**: There is no entry fee to submit your project for an Award of Excellence.

6. **Recognition**: Winning projects will be announced at SWR Institute’s Winter Technical Meeting. Each winner (i) will receive the “SWR Award of Excellence” award at the Winter Technical Meeting; (ii) have the opportunity to submit the project as an article in the Applicator magazine; (iii) have the opportunity to present the project at a subsequent SWR Institute Technical Meeting; (iv) be a part of an industry press announcement concerning the Award; and (v) be recognized on SWR Institute’s website and in SWR Institute’s Member Briefs.

7. **Release**: The submitter shall agree to all terms and conditions of this project awards program and as such permits SWR Institute to use the project in any promotional activities (i.e. advertising, articles, photos, awards, etc.). The submitter shall obtain the execution of the Authorization Form from all necessary companies to the project submitted including, but not limited to the owner of the property where the project is located, the general contractor (if any), the developer (if any), the contractor, manufacturers and associates.

8. **Use of Award**: If the submitter is selected as the recipient of the SWR Award of Excellence from SWR Institute, the submitter and all parties executing the Authorization Form agree to display the SWR Award of Excellence consistent with the terms of the Program. Any misinformation submitted on the application may result in SWR Institute withdrawing said award.

9. **No Transfer of Award**: Only the companies executing the Authorization Form shall be allowed to represent that it has received the SWR Award of Excellence as described herein.

10. **Amendments or Modifications to the Program**: SWR Institute reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to change the terms and conditions governing the Program from time to time.

11. **Hold Harmless and Indemnity**: The submitter and all of the companies executing the Authorization Form shall hold SWR Institute, its officers, directors, guests, employees, agents, and any other entity acting for or on its behalf (hereafter referred to collectively as its "Affiliated Persons") free and harmless and agrees to indemnify SWR Institute and its Affiliated Persons from any claim, loss, cost, liability, damage or cause of action that may occur whatsoever (including all costs, expenses, legal fees and expert fees) from or in any way related to the use or designation has having received the SWR Award of Excellence or the participation in any manner with respect to this Program. The submitter and all of the companies executing the Authorization Form further hold SWR Institute and its Affiliated Persons free and harmless and agrees to indemnify SWR Institute and its Affiliated Persons from any claim, loss, cost, liability, damage or cause of action that may occur whatsoever (including all costs, expenses, legal fees and expert fees) from any third party concerning Company's participation in this Program.
12. **Miscellaneous:** The provisions, covenants and conditions of the Program shall bind and inure to the benefit of the legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns of each of the parties executing the Authorization Form, except that no assignment by said parties shall be allowed and that no attempted assignment by said parties shall vest any right in the assignee of said parties. Any waiver by SWR Institute of any breach or breaches, default or defaults of said parties hereunder, shall not be deemed or construed to be a continuing waiver of such breach or default nor as a waiver of or permission expressed or implied, for any subsequent breach or default. This Program, the Application and any documents submitted thereto contain the entire agreement between the parties and except as specifically provided herein, no modification of this Program shall be binding upon the parties unless evidenced by an agreement in writing signed by the parties hereto after the date hereof. The Program shall be construed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Missouri, notwithstanding the operation of any conflict or choice of law statutes or decisional law to the contrary. Exclusive jurisdiction and venue shall be in the Federal or State Courts in Jackson County, Missouri.

13. **Disclaimer:** SWR Institute and its Affiliated Persons cannot accept responsibility for the accuracy of the information and representations submitted pursuant to this Program and as a result SWR Institute and its Affiliated Persons disclaim any liability with respect to the submissions and/or award made pursuant to this Program.
How to Submit a Project

Submission may be submitted online through the SWR Institute website, swrionline.org. Submissions must be received by November 30 to be considered.

Two easy ways to submit your project for the Award of Excellence Program:
► Submit online, swrionline.org/
► Download Submittal Forms, swrionline.org/
If you choose to download the forms, please email them to info@swrionline.org

Checklist
Submission must include:

Authorization Form

Project Application: Entry Form IA (Sealed Envelope) (1 Copy)

Project Application: Entry Form IB (if applicable)

Project Information: Entry Form II - Submitted with total anonymity.

Note: Entry form II should not contain the name of any member or company working on the project. For judging purposes, it is important that Entry Form II be completed with total anonymity.

Photographs/Drawings
Submit all photos to info@swrionline.org

15 Maximum Photographs, Figures and/or Drawings

All Images to be Anonymous

Images from Minimum 8 Mega Pixel Camera

Images Owned by Submitter

Images Formatted in .PDF Version