



Associated General Contractors of New York State

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The 2026 Excellence in Partnering Competition ***Presented to those New York State Construction Projects*** ***Best Epitomizing the Principles of Partnering***

Partnering is a collaborative process where the project team – owner, constructors, designers - works collaboratively to achieve project success. By focusing together on Project goals, the team seeks to safely complete quality projects on (or ahead of) schedule and within project budgets. A hallmark of partnering is good communication that fosters a network of commitments made and kept, resolves issues timely and in a manner that minimizes project impact and produces high levels of trust and respect among the team.

PURPOSE:

- The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor project teams that have sought and achieved the high ideals of partnering, both formal and informal
- This award is a recognition for the industry of what a collaborative approach can achieve

JUDGING FACTORS:

- Demonstration of a common understanding of what project success means
- Demonstration of a good communication processes and how it was used
- Demonstration of the collaborative process has overcome project obstacles and taken advantage of project opportunities.
- Demonstration of how partnering has contributed to achieving a successful project

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY:

- Reached Substantial Completion in 2026 (or after December 1, 2025)
- Nomination Form must be completed and signed by project owner **or** primary project stakeholder **and** contractor
- Open to all contractors — AGC Members and Non-AGC Members

Deadline for Submittal: On or before October 9, 2026

Presentation of Awards:

at the

**39th Annual AGC Construction Industry Conference,
December 9, 2026
Saratoga Springs, New York**

2026 Excellence in Partnering Nomination

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Project Name: _____

Location: _____

Nomination Submitted By (name & title): _____

Prime Contractor (need not be an AGC member): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email _____

1. Project Description:

- A. Contract Number: _____ or Description: _____
- B. Type of Work: _____ Building _____ Transportation _____ Other _____
- C. Size (approximate dollar value): _____
- D. Location: _____
- E. Owner Representative: _____
- F. Who initiated the Partnering process? _____
- G. Was it: _____ Formal _____ Informal

2. List Stakeholders (use separate page if necessary):

3. Submission Criteria (explain each item in one or two paragraphs, use separate page)

- A. **(1) Formal Partnering** - Provide a copy of Formal Charter
(2) Informal Partnering - Describe overall how the team worked together to identify project goals/successes
- B. How were the project goals achieved?
- C. Describe how the team regularly evaluated goal attainment
- D. Describe the communication process and examples of how it was successful
- E. Describe circumstances where the team collaborated to avoid risks and/or take advantage of opportunities.

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F. Describe how the team collaborated to attain high levels of:

- Safety
- Quality
- Schedule Performance
 - Critical Path Tasks
 - Expediting original schedule or rectifying delays
 - Substantial Completion
 - Final Completion/Closeout
 - Budgetary success (project/team; extra work/change orders)
 - Owner satisfaction

G. Describe instances where the team collaborated to resolve project issues and avoid formal disputes. If formal disputes could not be avoided, was the dispute resolved without impacting the project - please elaborate.

4. Bonus Points (answer in one or two paragraphs)

- A. Describe any unique motivational and/or team building activities used by the project team.
- B. Identify any innovative ideas/lessons learned that evolved throughout the partnering process

5. Additional Information

- A. Provide 5-6 high quality project photos
- B. Provide 6-10 sentences describing the project and why it should be awarded this years Excellence in Partnering Award

Forward nominations before October 9, 2026 to

The Judges

Excellence in Partnering Awards

AGC of NYS

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Electronic version may be emailed to twiser@agcnys.org

HOW WINNERS ARE SELECTED

After joint submittals, the Excellence in Partnering Awards are judged by a joint team of AGC, Agency, Owner and Contractor judges. All judging criteria is used, questions should be answered in one or two paragraphs. Concluded the written part of the entry with one additional paragraph summarizing why the project should receive an Excellence in Partnering Award.

You may prepare an electronic version of your application and email it to twiser@agcnys.org. Other items that may be included with the entry include photographs, press clippings, letters of commendation and testimonials, programs from special

events related to the project or other related material. Other items should not exceed five pages.

The judges look for complete information as outlined — not for sophisticated or “slick” presentation. In other words, you need not hire the services of professionals to complete your entry — your own staff will be most familiar with the project. This form may be retyped or reproduced in your entry.

It is important that your entry follow the same order as the form. Projects that were formally or informally partnered (projects completed in a mutually cooperative manner) are eligible for awards.

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Project Name

We jointly apply for a certificate of recommendation for the above named project.

Contractor Representative

Owner or Primary Stakeholder Project Representative

**We jointly recommend this submittal as a candidate for a
2026 Excellence in Partnering Award.**

Executive Recommendation

Nominating Owner, Stakeholder or Division:

Name: _____

Owner/Stakeholder: _____

Signature: _____

Nominating Contractor:

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Signature: _____

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