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BUILDING ENCLOSURE CONSULTANTS

are essential to the built environment. Every day, IIBEC members bring expertise, integrity, and professionalism to projects that depend on getting the details right. Whether you're consulting on roofs, exterior walls, waterproofing, or building commissioning, your role in offering unbiased design, repair planning, quality assurance observance, legal testimony, and other building enclosure management services sets you apart from professionals who may have a vested interest in certain products or service providers.

Your independence matters. Your judgment matters. And the commitment you bring to your clients, your projects, and this profession matters.

I see that commitment throughout IIBEC. Our members tackle difficult problems, ask the right questions, advocate for sound solutions, and work behind the scenes to help buildings perform as they should. Much of that work may not be obvious to the people who ultimately occupy a building, but its impact can last for decades. Your ethics shine through as you work toward making each project the best it can be. And you do it all with *excellence*.

That's why IIBEC started the Excellence in Building Enclosure Consulting (EBEC) Awards four years ago. We called on you to submit your best projects across five categories—roofing, exterior wall, waterproofing, building enclosure, and commissioning. And you came through, sending us award-worthy projects that laid a foundation for what was to come in subsequent years: more submissions and more great stories about how projects came together.

Your Projects Are Award-Worthy. Show Them Off.

The EBEC Awards have become a showcase for the best work in our industry. They demonstrate not only technical expertise, but also creativity, collaboration, problem-solving, and the value that independent consultants bring to the built environment. For consultants who toil to ensure the right recommendations are made before, during, and after a building is constructed or renovated, the EBEC Awards are a chance to put a spotlight on your fine work—and on the people who bring it all together.

But time is running short.

Our awards entry portal for the fourth annual EBEC Awards is open at iibec.org/ebec, and the September 30 deadline is quickly approaching. If you have a project worthy of recognition, please don't leave the nomination until the last minute. Start your submission now, gather what you need, and make sure it reaches us before the deadline.

We want to highlight your work. We want the industry to learn from it. And we want to celebrate the people whose expertise makes these projects possible.

Our winners will be recognized in San Antonio, Texas, during the IIBEC International Convention and Trade Show, including through a celebratory video highlighting the winning projects. Winners also have the opportunity to present their projects, giving peers a closer look at the challenges, solutions, and lessons that made their work exceptional. Finally, winning projects are featured in a subsequent issue of *IIBEC Interface*.

Don't be shy. The EBEC Awards are a platform for the industry and for IIBEC to celebrate the work done by IIBEC members on complex building enclosure projects. Building enclosure consultants often have to explain their value to builders, suppliers, building owners, and managers. Recognition through the EBEC Awards helps tell that story.

But we can't celebrate projects we don't know about. September 30 is coming quickly. Nominate your project today.

HONOR YOUR IIBEC COLLEAGUES, TOO

Great projects are only part of what makes IIBEC special. The strength of this association comes from our members—the people who volunteer, teach, mentor, lead, share their knowledge, advance our profession, and give generously of their time.

I am continually grateful for the commitment IIBEC members show to one another and to this organization. If someone has made a difference in your career, your chapter, IIBEC, or the industry, please help us recognize that contribution by nominating them for an IIBEC Honor.

Our Honors include the Michael DeFrancesco Outstanding Volunteer Award, Joe F. Hale Lifetime Achievement Award, IIBEC Emerging Professionals Award of Excellence, Joshua J. Summers Outstanding Educator Award, William C. Correll Exemplary Service Award, and Herbert W. Busching Jr., PhD Memorial Award. Full descriptions and histories are available at iibec.org/honors.

IIBEC Honors nominations close October 14. Think about the colleagues whose service deserves to be celebrated and take the time to nominate them.

Our awards and honors are ultimately about gratitude—gratitude for outstanding work and for the people who strengthen this profession. Thank you for everything you do for IIBEC, for your clients, for one another, and for the built environment. Now, help us make sure that exceptional work and exceptional service receive the recognition they deserve.