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Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards New/Updated Categories and Call for Entries Now Open

Chicago, IL: The Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (SEAOI) is pleased to announce that entries are now being accepted for the 2018 Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards. This illustrious design competition takes place each year to recognize excellence in structural engineering, and we are delighted to announce the addition of two new categories: Best Industrial/Utility Project and Best Neighboring State Project (open to members of Structural Engineering Associations neighboring Illinois) as well as the re-branding of the Best Bridge category to include Transportation projects, and the Lavicka Award, which will now be awarded to a Small Firm/Small Project (less than 10 full time employees or up to \$2 million).

The finalists selected by the SEAOI Board of Directors will present their projects at our May Dinner Meeting on Tuesday May 8, 2018 in Chicago. The winners in each category will be announced at the Annual Awards Banquet on June 9, 2018.

Awards are given in the following categories:

- Juror's Favorite/Most Innovative Structure
- Best Bridge/Transportation Project
- Best Industrial /Utility Project
- Best Renovation/Retrofit/ Preservation Project
- Best Project—over \$150 million
- Best Project—\$50 million up to \$150 million
- Best Project—\$10 million up to \$50 million
- Best Project—up to \$10 million
- Lavicka Award—Small Firm/Small Project
- Best Neighboring State Project—designer located in a state neighboring Illinois

Entries must be received by SEAOI by Monday March 26, 2018. For more information about the Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards, please visit www.SEAOI.org.

The Structural Engineers Association of Illinois ((SEAOI) was founded in 1965 by practicing structural engineers to advance and advocate excellence in structural engineering and to aid in safeguarding the lives and property of the public. SEAOI's Mission is to champion excellence for its members in the practice of Structural Engineering. SEAOI contributes to the expansion of the art and science of structural engineering by offering education, outreach and networking opportunities to members and the public living and working in Illinois.