



ABOUT THE BUILT FOR PURPOSE AWARDS

Overview

The National Precast Concrete Association (NPCA) has launched its inaugural [“Built for Purpose” Awards](#), a national program recognizing infrastructure projects that demonstrate the impact and long-term value of precast concrete in the built environment. Just in time for America250 celebrations in 2026, the awards will spotlight projects that strengthen communities, enhance resilience and contribute to sustainable infrastructure across the United States – preparing the country for its next 250 years.

Purpose

The program is designed to:

- Elevate awareness of precast concrete’s enduring role in U.S. infrastructure, both its past and its future
- Showcase real-world projects that deliver measurable community, environmental and economic benefits
- Encourage industry leaders to share impactful, purpose-driven work

NPCA encourages submissions that work to highlight precast as a critical, high-performance solution that has long supported infrastructure in ways both visible and lesser known.

Eligibility & Timeline

This award is open to NPCA members (no entry fee) and non-members (entry fee is \$250). NPCA is encouraging projects of all sizes and scopes from any geographies or locations. Key dates:

- **Call for entries open:** June 1, 2026
- **Entry deadline:** Aug.31, 2026
- **Shortlist announced:** October 2026
- **Winners announced:** Feb. 3–5, 2027, at [The Precast Show](#)
- **Eligibility Window:** The awards seek both projects in-progress, as well as those completed within the last five years (2021).

Judging Criteria

Projects will be evaluated by a panel of industry experts drawn from engineering, manufacturing and construction. Submissions should demonstrate:

- **Clear Purpose:** Addresses a meaningful need (e.g., safety, resilience, environmental protection)
- **Tangible Benefits:** Measurable improvements such as reduced flooding, improved mobility or habitat restoration
- **Critical Role of Precast:** Precast is central to the solution (e.g., durability, speed, reduced disruption)
- **Long-Term Value:** Demonstrates sustainability, longevity and reduced maintenance
- **Compelling Story:** Effectively communicates impact and broader relevance

Award Categories

- **Gold:** 1 winner
- **Silver:** Up to 3 winners
- **Bronze:** Up to 5 winners
- **Honorable Mentions:** Unlimited

All winners receive formal recognition and promotional support.

Recognition & Promotion

Winning projects will be:

- Featured in NPCA publications, including *Precast Today* and *Precast Pulse*
- Highlighted on the dedicated Built for Purpose microsite
- Promoted through national communications efforts
- Recognized at *The Precast Show 2027*