



2019 ICF BUILDER AWARDS Entry Notebook

All Entry Notebooks and materials must be received no later than Friday, Oct. 13, 2017

General Information

Project Name: (Project Name Here) **Location:** (Enter City, State here)

Project Type/Use: (Enter Use Here)

Category: (Enter Category Here)

Light Commercial (less than \$5 million)

Small Residential (3,000 sq. ft. or less)

Heavy Commercial (\$5 million or more)

Large Residential (3,001 to 6,000 sq. ft)

Multi-Family (Duplex, Apartment, Hotels)

Unlimited Residential (Over 6,000 sq. ft)

****New** "Specialty Applications"** (All uses that do not fall into one of the above categories. Ex. Pools, Walls, retaining walls, water features, landscaping, etc.)

ICF Builder Awards reserves the right to re-assign a project's category based on submitted specifications.

(Insert a complete project photo here)

Submitted by: NUDURA Inc. c/o (Company submitting project)

Name:

Company:

Street Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Payment Method

(Cost is \$90 for the first Notebook, \$50 for each additional Notebook)

Project: **(Project Name here)**

Check Attached

Paid when Entry Notebook was Requested

Credit Card



(Fill out and attach "Payment Sheet" if paying via Credit Card.)

Important Note:

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The information on **pages two through five of this notebook, along with the photographs you provide, are the only information the judging panel will have to evaluate this project.** Therefore, **please provide as much information as is relevant.** Remember that the entry is competing against other ICF projects. Therefore, the information ought to explain how the entry is different from other ICF projects.

***Additional pages for text can be added as needed.
Use as many pages as necessary.***

The figures after each heading indicate the percentage that each area represents in the final score (e.g. "Architecture 15%" means that the architecture of the project makes up 15% of the final score.) A complete explanation of the judging criteria is included as page eight. The contact information for team members (Page 7) allows the panel of judges to verify the information provided.

Project Specifications (Totaling 20%)

Project Completion Date: (Month & Year) **Total Project Cost:** (Total Project Cost)

Size (Total Sq. Ft. Floor) (Floor Sq Ft) sq ft (5%)

If residential, note unfinished areas. If commercial or multi-family, note uses of structure and sq. footage.

Sq. Footage of Exterior ICF Walls: (XXX) sq ft

(Text Here - Bigger projects are usually more visible, and more difficult. The portion of the score compares the floor area of the project to others in the same category.)

Percent Built with ICFs: (XX) % (10%)

Exclude wall penetrations (windows and doors) from calculations, but note any exterior walls not built with ICF (gable ends, garage walls, dormers, bay windows, etc.)

(Text Here - Exterior ICF walls will get some points, but projects that use ICFs for interior walls, retaining walls, pools, safe rooms, and other systems will score even higher. The use of foam decking systems for floors or roofing, or underslab insulation, will boost this portion of the score even higher. All ICF aspects of the project, such outbuildings, landscaping, etc. are considered.)

Other Uses of ICFs on this project:

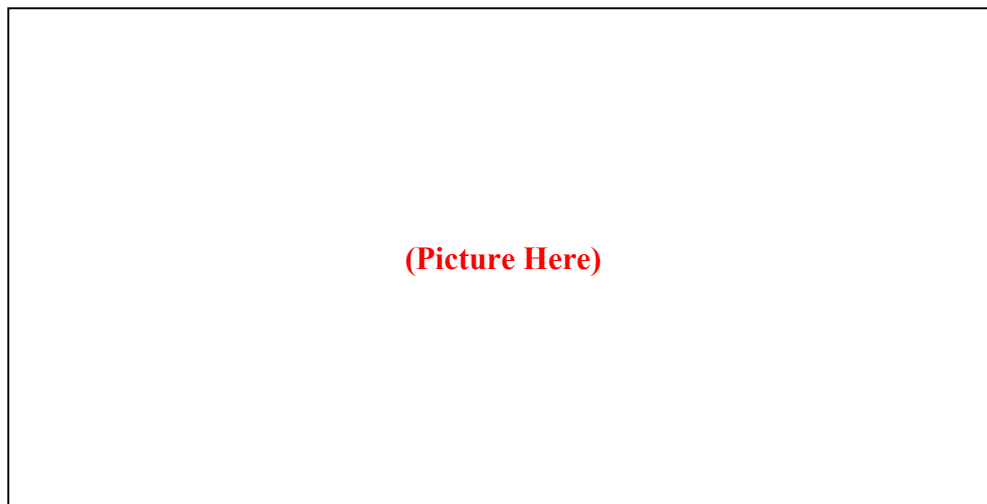
Interior Walls (Note square footage) (XXX) sq ft **Underslab Insulation** (XXX) sq ft

Other (Note square footage) (XXX) sq ft **Floor Decking**

(Retaining walls, swimming pools, outbuildings, etc.)

Total Sq. Footage of ICFs Used: (XXX) sq ft (5%)

(Additional Text here if necessary)



Construction Details (Totaling 40%)

ICF Installation Time: **XXX** days Total Project Construction Time: **(Days/Mths/Year)**

Time saved (if any) by using ICFs: **XXX**

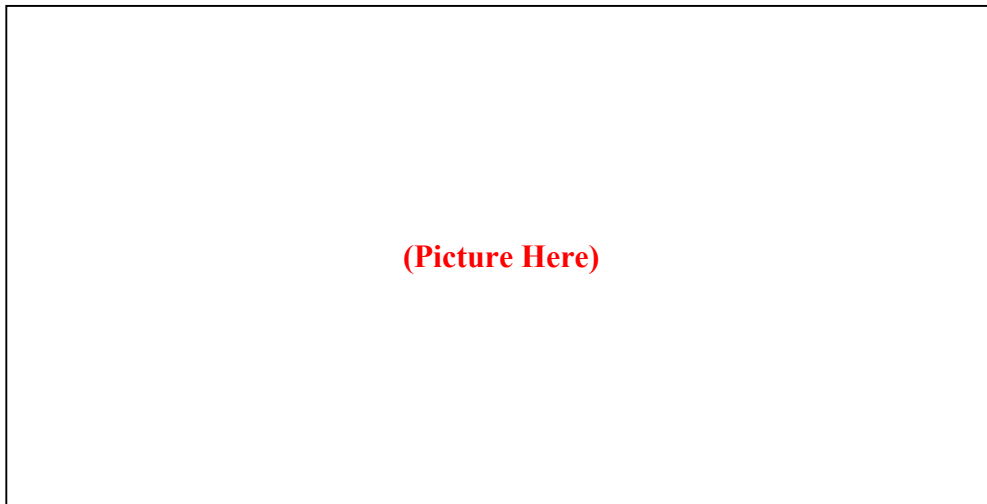
(Text here - explaining time savings)

Additional Construction Cost (if any) by using ICFs: **(\$XXX,XXX.XX)**

(Text here - explaining additional construction costs)

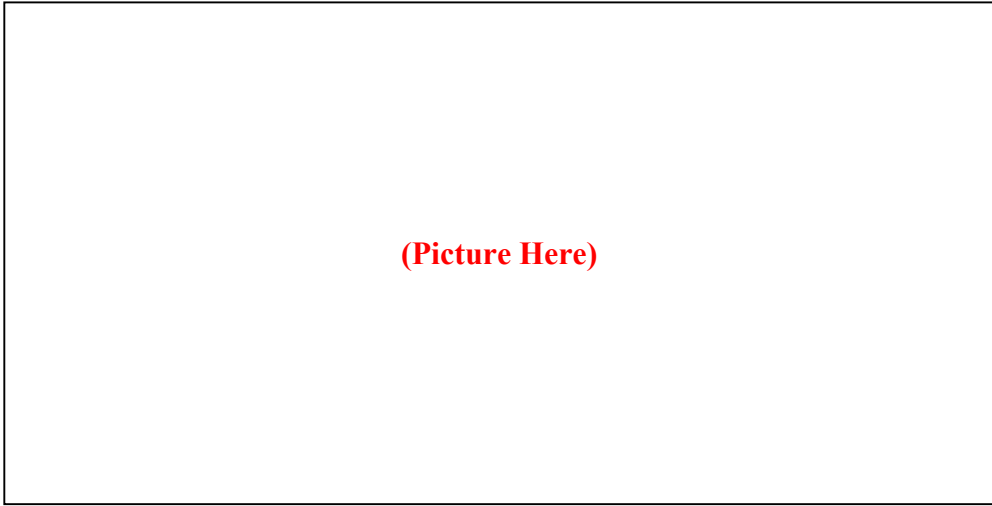
Complexity and Creativity (15%) Describe the overall complexity of the project's design, the challenges involved, and how they were overcome. For instance, wall heights and number of corners, unusual angles, roof connections, new materials or technologies uses, etc. Especially highlight innovative solutions to challenges to design and construction challenges:

(Text Here - A project with many angles, wall thicknesses, radius, or other construction considerations scores higher than a simple rectangular footprint. The number of window and door openings and steel embeds would also affect this portion of the score. Creativity refers to how the designer and contractor used ICFs to find innovative solutions to construction challenges, such as bracing modifications or new ways of reinforcing radius walls.)



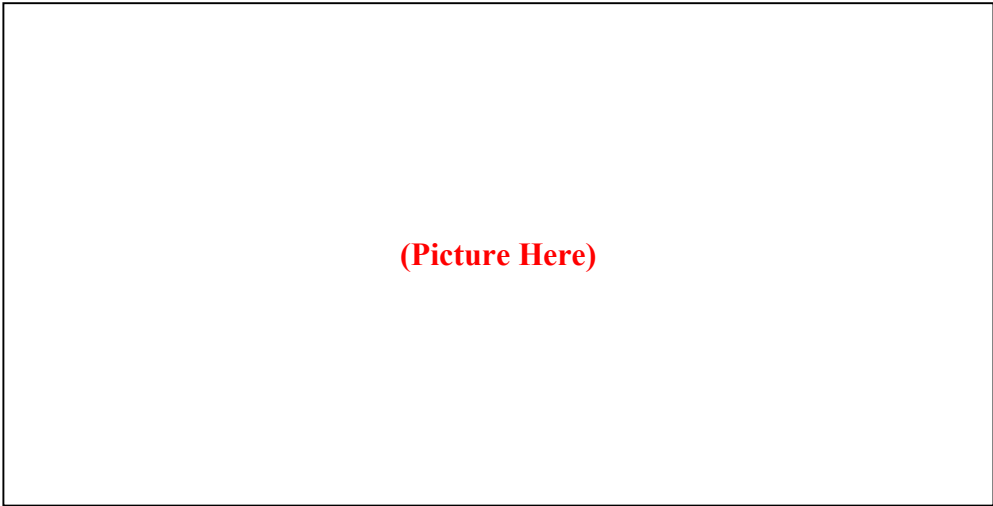
Construction and Site Considerations (15%) Describe any construction difficulties the contractor dealt with, and how they were overcome. This includes budget constraints, project timelines, issues with other trades, extreme weather events, poor soils or site topography, etc.:

(Text Here - Overcoming construction challenges like tight schedules, tight sites, difficult topography, bad weather, and so forth show the advantages ICFs can bring to the table. Winning over a difficult GC or other sub-trade to ICFs will also boost the score in this category. Finally, the cost per square foot, affordability, and the value the homeowner received for the budget allocated is also considered in this category.)



Craftsmanship (10%) Describe the level of precision and craftsmanship displayed, including exceptional workmanship, attention to detail, straightness of walls, embeds, and bucks; and the absence of voids, honeycombing, bulges, etc.

(Text Here - This portion of the score evaluates the level of precision and craftsmanship displayed. Attention to detail, straightness of walls, embeds, and bucks; and the absence of voids, honeycombing, bulges, etc. will contribute to a high score.)

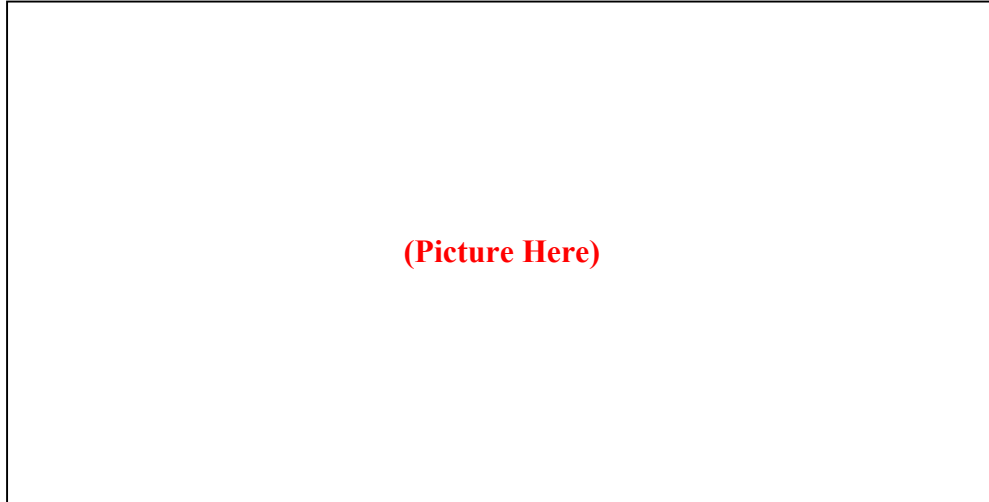


Design Considerations (Totaling 25%)

Architecture (15%) Describe the outstanding architectural features of the project, referring to photographs as necessary.

(Text Here – Materials, exterior and interior finishes, etc.)

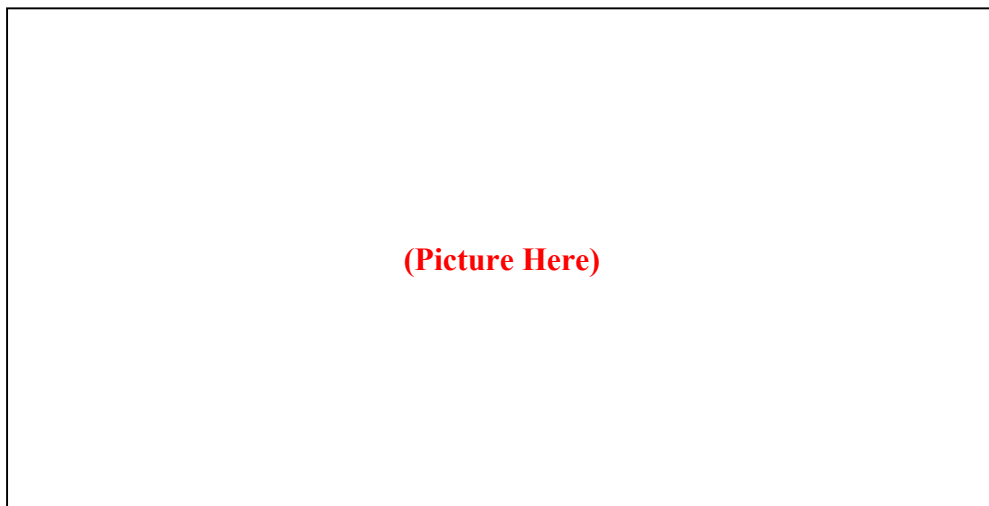
Architecture: 15% Winning project illustrate that ICF projects are more than bunkers or simple boxes. The quality of interior and exterior finish, as well as proportions and the neighborhood aesthetic all play a role. Projects that score highly in this area demonstrate an awareness of architectural styles, timeless design principles, current trends, and the owner’s wishes.)



Sustainability (10%) Describe how this project maximizes the advantages of ICF construction.

Be sure to include any elements of sustainable design incorporated in the structure. If the project has been energy tested, include the rating. Average monthly heating and cooling costs, if known, should be stated.

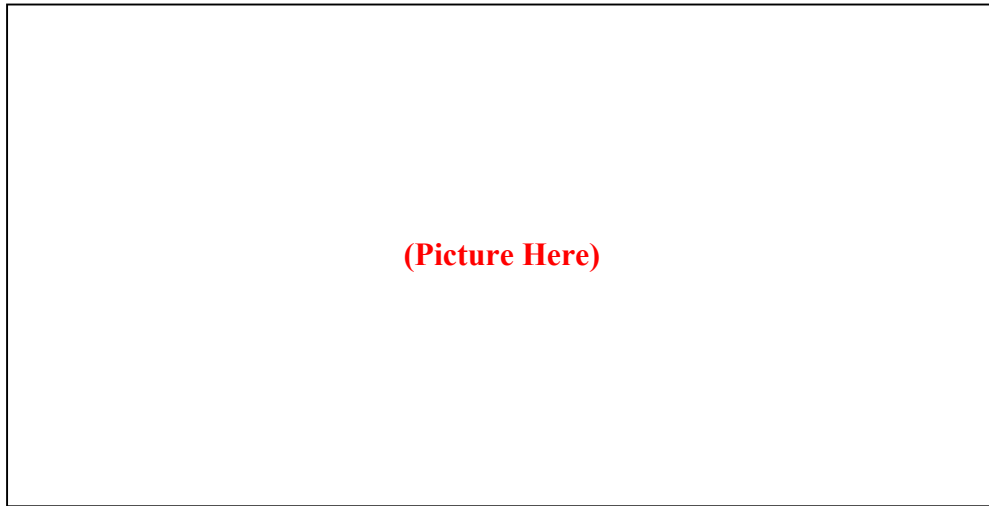
(Text Here - Site use, water use, insulation, heating, alternative energy, recycled content, the efficiency of the various appliances and fixtures, and other factors are considered. HERS ratings, LEED certification, EnergyStar, or other green building certification program also play a role.)



Significance/Visibility/Advances the Industry (15%)

Describe the project's significance to the region and the ICF industry as a whole. Be sure to mention new standards the project has set (if any), attention the project has received--including media coverage--and how the project has advanced the industry as a whole:

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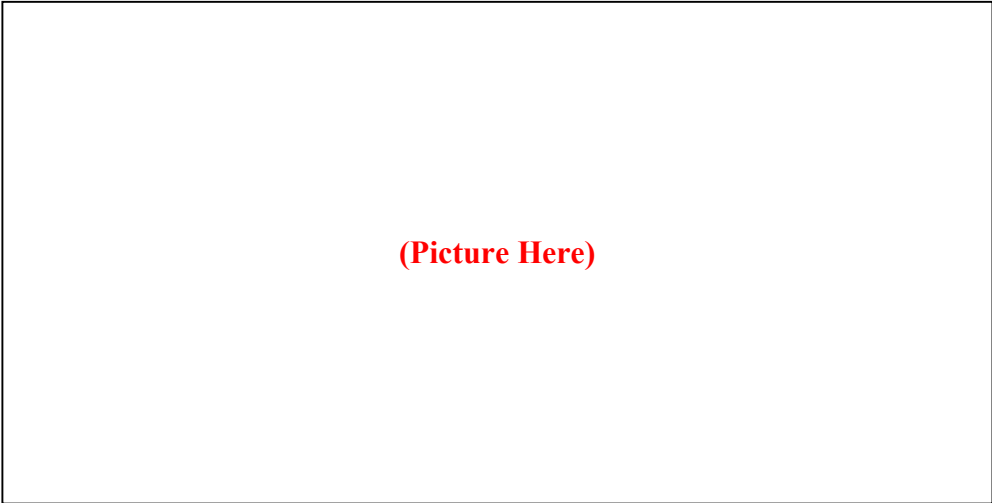
Comment on the project's success. (Mention the owner's level of satisfaction, whether it was completed within time and budget constraints, the project's impact on the community, and any awards the project has won; such as LEED certification, recognition in the press, etc.)

(Text Here)

Background Information (Not Scored)

Additional Information that should be considered regarding why the project deserves an ICF Builder Award.

(Text Here)



(Picture Here)

Major Suppliers (Brands) Used on the Project:

ICF System (Brand):	NUDURA	Floor Joists:	XXXXXXXXXX
Wall Bracing:	XXXXXXXXXX	Exterior Finishes:	XXXXXXXXXX
Window/Door Block-outs	XXXXXXXXXX	Waterproofing:	XXXXXXXXXX

Marketing Efforts (Not Scored)

Who made the decision to build with ICFs? Owner/Occupant Contractor Architect

Was this individual already familiar with ICFs? Yes No

Discuss how the contractor and ICF brand for the project were selected:

(Text Here)

Discuss any sales techniques, marketing efforts, or relationship building that was used to convince the team to build with ICFs:

(Text Here)

Team Members (Not Scored)

*(Write "Same" if any information is already recorded elsewhere;
Leave blank if project role was unfilled)*

Owner/Developer:

Contact:	
Company Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State / Province:	
Phone:	
Email:	

General Contractor:

Contact:	
Company Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State / Province:	
Phone:	
Email:	

ICF Installer:

Contact:	
Company Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State / Province:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Form Distributor:

Contact:	
Company Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State / Province:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Architect:

Contact:	
Company Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State / Province:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Engineer:

Contact:	
Company Name:	
Address:	
City:	
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Additional Team Member:

Contact:	
Company Name:	
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Additional Photos

(During Construction)

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Additional Photos

(After Construction)

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Additional Photos

(Interior & Exterior)

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Additional Information

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Links to project online

Articles about the project

Video links

Photos / Photo Consent / Testimonial

Photos

A minimum of 7 and a maximum of 20 photographs shall be submitted with each entry. At least 4 photos must be of the project under construction, and 3 must be of the finished project. Both interior and exterior photos are encouraged. Photos should be 300 dpi or better if digital.

A Note on Photography: Photos should illustrate the project's ability to address each of the judging criteria mentioned above. Photos can be print, slide, or digital; if digital images must be at least 5 x 7 in size at 300 dpi or be (digital is encouraged; see below). Larger images are accepted.

Attach photographs and their descriptions. We are looking for photos during construction and completed construction. Any additional interior or exterior photos are appreciated.

Have photos been provided? Yes No

We need high resolution photographs (at least 150 dpi but 300 dpi preferable)

(While photographs may be embedded in the Word or PDF files submitted, All photos submitted should also be sent as separate, high resolution image files in JPG format. High-resolution images should be at least 1000 pixels in the smallest dimension.)

Photo Consent

Has a photo consent been signed? Yes No

(If no, please fill out the Photo Consent Form provided)

We would like to highlight your project on NUDURA's website and publications. If you are agreeable, please sign the photo consent and send back with this entry notebook.

(The owner will need to fill out the Photo Consent and release form attached)

Testimonial

Has a testimonial been provided? Yes No

(If no, please fill out the Testimonial Consent Form provided)

Judging Criteria & Secrets to Winning

Have you reviewed your submission against the Judging Criteria & Secrets to winning information at end of this document?

Yes No

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Contact Karen Sutor at ksutor@nudura.com**

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**Completed Notebook and Photographs
Can Be Submitted Four Ways:**

- 1) Online:** Fill out the PDF form then print or save and push "Submit"
Photos will need to be either uploaded via FTP or mailed separately.
- 2) Email:** Download and fill out the MS Word version, save and send the completed notebook and photos to editor@icfmag.com [Individual emails cannot exceed 20 megs]
- 3) Upload to FTP Site:** Go to www.icfmag.com/upload_book for instructions
- 4) Send via Online File Sharing Site such as Dropbox.**
- 5) Mail:** Completed notebooks should be mailed to:

*ICF Builder Magazine
884 E. 700 North
Mapleton, UT 84664*



2018 Judging Criteria



The ICF Builder Awards are designed to showcase “milestone projects;” those projects that set a new benchmark for the industry through a combination of their size, complexity, significance, architecture, and other factors. Each ICF entry is evaluated by a panel of judges who rank each project on a scale of 1-to-10 in nine areas, using a weighted average to determine a total score. A winning project will score highly in numerous areas, as an outstanding score in a single category will usually not be enough to compensate for mediocre performance in the others.. A sample score sheet in Microsoft Excel format is available on the ICF Builder Award website.

ICF Use (20)%

Size (Floor): 5% Bigger projects are usually more visible, and more difficult. The portion of the score compares the floor area of the project to others in the same category.

Sq. Footage of ICFs: 5% Even more important than the overall size of the project is the scope of the ICF installation. The portion of the score compares the square footage of ICF walls, both interior and exterior

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Secrets of Winning Entries

The ICF Builder Awards represents the best-of-the best in the industry. All projects submitted are noteworthy, and getting your project to score highly requires understanding how the judging process works.

Clark Ricks, editor of ICF Builder magazine, has been one of the judges for the past several years, and offers the following tips to maximize your chance of winning:

Every project submitted to the competition is built with ICFs, and the judges are already familiar with ICF technology. You should explain what makes your entry different from other ICF projects, not how it differs from traditional wood construction.

- Make sure the Entry Notebook contains all the relevant information and photographs that judges need to make a decision. Judges will not give a project “the benefit of the doubt” if a question is left blank.
- Special emphasis should be given to the project’s significance, complexity and construction challenges. Together, these categories make up 50% of the total score.
- Note that Sustainability is only 10% of the score. It is a contributing, but not determining, factor is coming out on top.
- Review the judging criteria carefully and evaluate how the project measures up in each area. It may be helpful to download the judges score sheet and score your own project against past winners in your category.
- Don’t overwhelm the judging panel with dozens and dozens of photos. Select between 7 and 20 photos that illustrate key characteristics of the building. Be sure to include views of the interior and exterior, as well as views during construction and after completion

Finally, make sure that the information provided is accurate.



Credit Card Payment



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Project: **(Project Name here)**

Name: _____ Company: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Card Number _____ Auth Code: _____



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