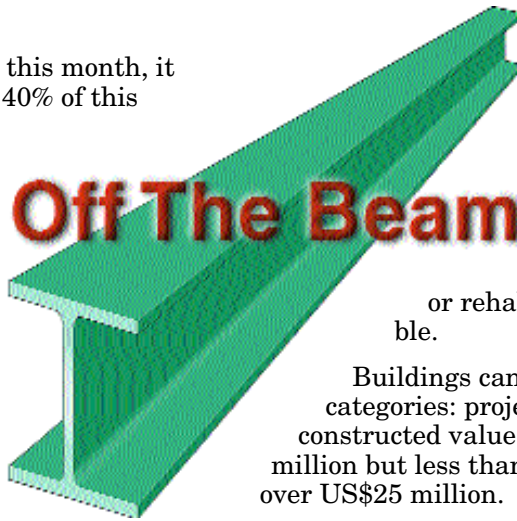


Given the start of spring training this month, it somehow seems appropriate that 40% of this year's winners of AISC's annual Engineering Awards of Excellence are new baseball stadia. The annual awards are designed to give national recognition to structural engineering excellence and innovation in steel-framed building projects. This year's winners range from a small synagogue in Nashville to the huge Coors Stadium in Denver.

Complete stories about these wonderful projects begin on page 26. What is not included in any of the articles is the work involved in selecting the winners. It begins with the solicitation of entries, continues with the preparation of entries by engineering firms, and concludes with a grueling judging process.

This year's judges were, from left to right in the accompanying photo: Larry Karlson, Senior Associate, Skillings, Ward, Magnuson, Barkshire, Seattle; James W. Woods, Vice President/Sales, Lynchburg Steel & Specialty Co., Monroe, VA; Shankar Nair, Senior Vice President, Teng and Associates, Chicago; Mike West, Vice President, Computerized Structural Design, Milwaukee; and Janice Trautner, Associate Professor, University of Utah (Civil Environmental Engineering), Salt Lake City.

Of course, saying the work concludes with the judging is a misnomer. Once the 1998 competition is over, we start working on the 1999 event. To be eligible, a significant part of the framing system must be steel wide-flange structural shapes or hollow structural sections and building construction



must have been completed between January 1, 1995 and December 31, 1998. Projects may be located in the U.S., Canada or Mexico, and both new buildings and renovation (major retrofit, expansion or rehabilitation) projects are eligible.

Buildings can be submitted in one of three categories: projects up to US\$10 million in constructed value; projects greater than US\$10 million but less than US\$25 million; and projects over US\$25 million.

A complete entry form will be included in a future issue of MSC.

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