



## Qualifications-Based Selection Awards

**QBS Georgia** would like to recognize private companies and public agencies that promote and practice hiring design professionals through a competitive qualifications-based selection (QBS) process rather than through lowest price. Recipients of the awards will be honored for their outstanding contributions to and support for obtaining the highest level of quality and the greatest public good in procuring architectural, engineering, surveying, mapping, and landscape architecture services through a Qualifications-Based Selection process.

### **AWARD CATEGORIES:**

QBS Georgia will recognize recipients in two categories:

- **Government Sector** – includes states, municipalities, local governments, departments or agencies of government, school districts, university systems, public utility systems, publicly funded research laboratories, and special purpose districts.
- **Private Sector** - includes private corporations, privately funded research labs, private utility companies, design professionals, construction contractors, developers and any non-government entity that uses design professional services.

For both awards, any public agency or private company who uses a Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) process may be nominated. Their contribution, whether in the form of legislation, policy and regulation, public affairs, advocacy programs, publications, or by example, must embody the commitment to obtaining the highest level of quality and the greatest public good through extended support and promotion of QBS in the procurement of architectural and engineering services. Nominees mandated by law to use qualifications-based selection are eligible provided they have exhibited exceptional leadership in qualifications-based selection.

### **SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**

All submissions are due **March 1, 2007**. Please complete the attached nomination form and mail to: QBS Georgia c/o the Georgia Engineering Alliance, Attn. Gwen Brandon, 233 Peachtree Street, Harris Tower, Suite 700, Atlanta GA 30303, or [gwen.brandon@gaengineers.org](mailto:gwen.brandon@gaengineers.org).

### **JUDGING AND AWARD PROCESS:**

All entries will be reviewed and evaluated by a selection committee formed by the QBS Georgia Steering Committee which will make the final award selection(s). The recipients of the QBS Awards will be invited to attend the Georgia Engineers Week Awards Banquet and/or the AIA GA Awards Banquet. If preferred, the award may be presented at another banquet of the recipient's choice.

### **QUESTIONS:**

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**QBS GEORGIA** is a consortium of professional engineers, architects, and industry leaders from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), American Institute of Architects (AIA), American Public Works Association (APWA), Georgia Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), and American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

The mission of QBS Georgia is to educate public and private facility owners about the value and reward for selecting professional engineers, architects, landscape architects, surveyors, and built environment professional consultants based on their respective years of education, experience, and professional qualifications for the work for which they are being considered. The QBS Georgia objective is to support public and private owners in the QBS process. The QBS Georgia AWARD is in recognition for the use of the QBS process. For more information, go to: [www.QBSGeorgia.org](http://www.QBSGeorgia.org)



**QUALIFICATIONS-BASED SELECTION AWARD FOR  
PROFESSIONAL PROCUREMENT PRACTICES**

**Submission Deadline: March 1, 2007**

1. Category: Public Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Private Company \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Company or Agency Name)  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Is there a written QBS Policy? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If Yes, date created: \_\_\_\_\_ (please provide copy of Policy Statement)
  
4. Please provide a brief narrative explaining why the QBS Process was established and why its implementation is a candidate for a QBS Georgia Award (maximum two pages):  
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5. Describe the nominee's selection procedure under the above established Policy: (maximum two pages):  
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6. Describe the negotiation procedure with the most qualified firm (s) regarding the scope of work and pricing:  
(maximum two pages):

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7. How long has the QBS selection process been used? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Does the process include: Architects \_\_\_\_\_ Engineers \_\_\_\_\_ Land Surveyors \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Interior Designers \_\_\_\_\_ Landscape Architects?

9. How is the final decision made for the design professional selection? (maximum one page)

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10. Is the QBS policy mandated? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

11. Additional comments (maximum 1/2 page): \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person or organization submitting this nomination:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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