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# **NOVA AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

## **NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 31**

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The Construction Innovation Forum (CIF) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 1986 to advance the construction industry by recognizing and encouraging innovations that improve quality and reduce cost of construction. CIF goals are to publicly recognize construction innovations; educate leaders on importance of innovation in their business; and encourage the industry to develop, use, and require innovation. CIF involvement and sponsorship are open to all in the construction industry. These include construction owners, contractors/construction managers, faculty, architects, engineers, industry organizations, suppliers, vendors.



# THE NOVA AWARD

The NOVA Award was created to recognize innovative techniques and methods, proven on actual projects that improve the quality and reduce the cost of construction.

The Construction Innovation Forum (CIF) invites NOVA Award Nominations from all sectors of the industry from all over the World. A person, an organization, or a combination of people and organizations can be recognized for their innovation. You are encouraged to nominate successful innovations by your colleagues, clients, consultants, contractors, suppliers, trades persons, and by yourself. Self Nominations are encouraged, because many subjects are best understood and presented by their creator. Nominations are due each year on March 31.

Each year the CIF presents NOVA Awards at its Innovation Celebration Banquet in November. This event is attended by hundreds of owners and construction industry leaders and is an international showcase of construction innovation. All Nominations are shown and Winners are showcased at the CIF web site [www.cif.org](http://www.cif.org).

**How to submit a NOVA Award Nomination**  
The Nomination process is purposely simple. You are asked to supply a minimum of information and no more. This simplifies your Nomination and prevents recognition being awarded based largely on how well a Nomination is "packaged." Responsibility for documenting the value of NOVA Award Winners rests on in-depth investigations by CIF. Earlier years' Nominations may be viewed at [www.cif.org](http://www.cif.org).

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NOVA Award Nomination Instructions

- Nominations must follow the three-page format described in the Instructions (see next page).
- Nominations that do not meet this format or that contain incorrect information may be considered non-responsive.
- Information submitted in addition to the three-page format will not be reviewed by the Jury.
- The Jury reviews the Nominations and selects a short list for investigation by the CIF.
- The CIF contacts persons listed on the Nomination Form and other sources to research and document each selected innovation in a confidential report to the Jury.
- The Jury reviews the research reports and selects NOVA Award Winners and Finalists.
- The CIF contacts the Winners and prepares program material to describe the NOVA Award winning innovations at the Innovation Celebration Banquet.

## Selection criteria

1. Each nominated innovation is judged on its effect upon the construction process and on facility service. It can be an innovation in the construction process itself or in materials, design, equipment, detailing, contract administration, labor relations, management, training, procurement, maintenance, use, etc. that improves the construction process and/or facility service. A project can be nominated for its innovative concepts or methods.
2. The innovation must be a proven success. It must have had a positive, important effect on construction or service, to improve quality or reduce cost. Innovation is implementation of new methods and technologies. It is not merely an idea that may be successful in the future. It must promote good practices.
3. The innovation must be a significant advance, not just a natural evolution of existing methods, common sense, or good practice.
4. The innovation must be documentable and presentable. Innovators and their employers must disclose sufficient information about the innovation to allow documentation for the Jury and an informative presentation at the Innovation Celebration Banquet in November.

**Sheet 1**

This is the "Signature Page" —  
Provide original signatures in Section

## NOVA Award Jury

### Marco F. Capicchioni, P.E.

Vice-President  
University of Chicago  
Medicine & Biological Sciences

### Lawrence T. Gilbert, P.E.

Construction Manager  
NTH Consultants

### Peter Green

President and CEO  
John E. Green  
Mechanical Contractors

### Vincent DeLeonardis

President and CEO  
George W. Auch Company

### Michael F. Cooper, PE

Managing Principal  
Harley Ellis Devereaux

### David W. Pittman, Ph.D., P.E.

Director, Geotechnical and  
Structures Lab  
US Army Corps of  
Engineers

### Herbert A. Spence III, P.E.

President and CEO  
Spence Brothers



**B and E on this page.** Signed letters may be substituted for original signatures.

- On line A of this page enter a descriptive **Name of Innovation** for the Process/Method/Technique/Project/Product you are nominating.
- If you need additional space, you may attach additional pages of names and addresses. You may attach extra pages only for Sheet 1.

**Sheet 2**

**“Innovation Description” — Attach one (one only) 8-1/2" X 11" page preferably in Word format that gives a succinct description of the innovation, in searchable text (not text in a figure). Put the name of the innovation at top of page. Provide the following specific information. Without it, the Jury cannot evaluate and seriously consider your nomination.**

- What the innovation is and why it is innovative
- Where and when it originated, has been used, and is expected to be used in the future
- What it changed or replaced
- If the nomination is for an innovative project, specifically identify each of its innovations.

**Sheet 3**

**“Innovation Illustration” — Attach one (one only) 8-1/2" X 11" page preferably in Word format that contains one or more photographs, drawings, graphs, clauses, etc. that visually describe the innovation. Do not submit more than one page of visuals. The Jury will see only one page for review. Put the name of the innovation at top of page.**

**Submit**

**Submit Nomination by E-Mail Attachment by March 31 to info@cif.org** Visit [www.cif.org](http://www.cif.org) for further information and to see prior nominations and winners. For answers to questions E-Mail: info@cif.org, Phone: 419-725-3108, Fax: 419-725-3079.

**A. Name of Innovation:**

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**B. Person(s) and/or Organization(s) Primarily Responsible for the Innovation (those to whom the NOVA Award Statue should be presented)**

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(Signature indicates acceptance of the nomination and consent to have CIF research and make presentations on the innovation for the purpose of jurying and publicizing awards.)

**C. Other Primary Sources of Information on the Innovation (in addition to the persons identified above)**

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**D. Independent References Familiar with Use of the Innovation**

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**E. Person(s) Making Nomination**

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(The signature of one Nominator is required. Nominators represent that they are familiar with the innovation and the Nomination is correct to the best of their knowledge.)