



2026 Chapter Achievement Awards

Attention all ICEAA Washington Capital Area Chapter (WCAC) members!

Do you know an outstanding ICEAA WCAC member who has made a difference in the cost estimating and analysis profession? Perhaps an individual or team whose work is leaping beyond the forefront? An emerging superstar with a blindingly bright future, or a pillar of the community whose years of dedication have advanced the industry and everyone around them?

If so, nominate them for a 2026 ICEAA WCAC Achievement Award!

Please review the list of ICEAA WCAC Achievement Awards as well as associated eligibility and scoring criteria below. To qualify your nominee as a candidate for one of four ICEAA WCAC Achievement Awards, please go to <https://www.iceaaonline.com/wcac-awards/> to submit a short nomination form.

All nominations must be submitted NO LATER THAN:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 2026 at 11:59pm ET

Winners of the 2026 ICEAA WCAC Achievement Awards will automatically be entered to compete for the corresponding ICEAA Association Award, with a note indicating victory at the Chapter level.

Thank you for taking the time to recognize your exceptional colleagues! For any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kyle Ferris, ICEAA WCAC Secretary at secretary.washington.iceaa@gmail.com

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Team Achievement of the Year: This award recognizes a team demonstrating significant cost estimating and analysis accomplishments over the past year for their organization (or an organization supported by their work). Achievements should have a significant resultant impact on the vision, mission, goals and/or objectives of the organization and/or influence an important enterprise decision using cost estimating and analysis. Examples of such contributions include:

- Positively impacting the organization as a result of team efforts

- Exemplifying how cost estimating and analysis provides decision support that influences enterprise vision, mission, goals, and/or objectives
- Formal recognition of team accomplishments by the organization

Specific Eligibilities: Nominated teams must comprise two or more (≥ 2) individuals. More than fifty percent ($>50\%$) of the team must comprise ICEAA WCAC members in good standing.

Technical Achievement of the Year: This award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding cost estimating and analysis contributions over the past year. Contributions may be in the form of products to a customer/organization or technical submissions to a recognized educational body, with contributions demonstrating significant technical rigor and defensibility. Examples of such contributions include:

- Submitting research that develops new/existing technical concepts, theories, and/or methodologies
- Innovative development and/or use of practical tools for cost estimating and analysis
- Developing and/or maintaining standards of technical proficiency and performance
- Advancing the professional development of cost estimators and analysts as a technical educator

Specific Eligibility: Nominated individuals must be a current ICEAA WCAC member in good standing.

Management Achievement of the Year: This award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding management contributions to the profession of cost estimating and analysis over the past year. Management contributions may be accomplished through successful administration of cost estimating and analysis projects as well as efficient management of the individuals and/or teams involved. In particular, this award recognizes an individual who most effectively demonstrates project management expertise. Examples of such contributions include:

- Creating/sustaining a productive work environment, empowering co-workers and/or employees to accomplish objectives
- Demonstrating a strong balance of both technical and interpersonal management skills
- Facilitating synergy and/or cross-functional capabilities between cost estimating and analysis and other professional disciplines
- Managing forums through which the principles and techniques of cost estimating and analysis may be reported, discussed, and published in furtherance of professional development

Specific Eligibility: Nominated individuals must be a current ICEAA WCAC member in good standing.

Junior Analyst of the Year: This award recognizes an individual with less than three (<3) years of professional cost estimating and analysis experience who has demonstrated significant accomplishments over the past year, commensurate with years of professional experience. Considering recent accomplishments, this individual should also demonstrate significant professional potential. In particular, this individual should employ and exemplify Cost Estimating Body of Knowledge (CEBoK) principles within their work. Relevant accomplishments might include:

- Demonstrating extraordinary professional development through job-related education
- Contributing to professional activities, projects, and/or initiatives in a manner that exceeds expectations, whether as an individual or as part of a team
- Demonstrating an upward trajectory on increasing levels of professional skill, contribution, and impact to the cost estimating and analysis community

Specific Eligibilities: Nominated individuals must have less than three (<3) years of professional cost estimating and analysis experience and must be a current ICEAA WCAC member in good standing.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Nominees for all individual chapter achievement awards are eligible only if they are current members of ICEAA WCAC in good standing. There is no membership requirement for nominators of any award
- Teams nominated for the *Team Achievement of the Year* award must comprise two or more (≥ 2) individuals. More than fifty percent ($>50\%$) of the nominated team must comprise ICEAA WCAC members in good standing
 - o Please note: although not required, greater weight shall be given to nominations clearly demonstrating that significant team contributions were made by ICEAA WCAC members
- Nominees for the *Junior Analyst of the Year* award must have less than three (<3) years of professional cost estimating and analysis experience
- Nominations for all chapter achievement awards **must not include** classified, controlled unclassified, proprietary, and/or otherwise sensitive information, as their narratives may become publicly available. Any nomination determined to have violated this rule will be disqualified immediately
 - o Please note: many organizations require a nominator to obtain permission from a governing body to release business information contained in a nomination, even if the information is not formally designated as sensitive. Nominators should understand their organization's public release requirements and plan accordingly

The WCAC Board of Directors will review nominations for adherence to the eligibility criteria listed above. If all criteria above appear to be met, the nomination will be formally accepted and reviewed by an independent WCAC Awards Committee. While nominations are being reviewed, the Chapter Secretary will verify the membership status of each nominee.

If a nominee is found to be delinquent on paying ICEAA membership dues or does not appear to be a member of ICEAA WCAC, the Chapter Secretary will make a good faith effort to notify the nominee about their status and suggest a remediation plan. To avoid disqualification, all delinquent nominees must show proof of membership remediation (e.g., receipt confirming payment of ICEAA membership dues, etc.) to the Chapter Secretary NO LATER THAN March 5th, 2026.

SCORING CRITERIA

*In addition to meeting all eligibility criteria, the ICEAA WCAC Achievement Awards Committee intends to score nominations based on criteria that demonstrate both **impact** and **relevance** to the profession of cost estimating and analysis, where impact is weighed greater than relevance.*

Definitions for ICEAA WCAC Achievement Awards scoring criteria are provided below.

Impact on Cost Estimating and Analysis – Nominations that demonstrate a positive impact on organizational and/or project performance, capabilities, training, management, and/or collaboration in relation to cost estimating and analysis. Measurable, quantified impacts are given greater weight compared to impacts that are not measurable and/or quantified.

Nominators are highly encouraged to include measurable, quantitative information in their nomination to demonstrate their nominee's impact. Examples include but are not limited to:

- X% in identified cost savings for an organization/project
- X new users of a cost database
- X individuals trained and certified as Professional Cost Estimators/Analysts (PCEAs)

Relevance to Cost Estimating and Analysis – Nominations that demonstrate fundamental concepts, principles, and/or methodologies of cost estimating and analysis as defined by the CEBoK. This includes but is not limited to concepts, principles and/or methodologies related to cost analysis, Cost Estimating Relationships (CERs), software/manufacturing cost estimation, economic analysis, Earned Value Management (EVM), financial management, etc.