

Section judges are not permitted to make assumptions when information about your project is missing.

To ensure you do not miss out on any points, please review the scoring sheet for the project category that you are submitting under.

For example, the use of controls is judged in all program categories, representing from 5% of 15% of your score. If there is no mention of controls in your submission, the judges are required to assign a minimum score.

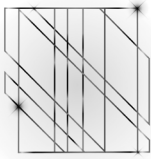
Our local program uses the same judging score sheets as the IES Illumination Awards (global program) but is a local initiative only. If you want to submit to the 2026 Illumination Awards, you can find out how to do so at <https://ia.ies.org/>

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A PROBLEM

Complexity of the Design *Max Value 20 points*

Explains the project story and challenges that make this design unique.

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 4 =

**TOTAL
MAX 20 PTS**

B CONCEPT

Lighting Concept *Max Value 15 points*

How does the lighting design reinforce the architectural environment? Is the approach original or unique?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 3 =

Controls Concept *Max Value 5 points*

How are controls utilized and properly applied to support the lighting design?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 1 =

Integration *Max Value 10 points*

How well is the lighting equipment integrated into the architectural environment? How does the concept balance the needs of the building occupants, architects, engineers, and building owners?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 2 =

**TOTAL
MAX 30 PTS**

C SOLUTION/EXECUTION

Performance Criteria Achieved *Max Value 20 points*

How did the design answer the complexity of the problem? Does the project employ an innovative approach to the lighting solution?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 4 =

Visual Comfort *Max Value 15 points*

Is the quality of the lighting appropriate for the user? Has the solution addressed user needs such as viewing comfort, glare, and contrast ratios?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 3 =

Energy and Environmental Design Implementation

Max Value 10 points

Did the project make an effort to consider energy and environmental solutions? Are they clearly stated and documented? Does the project go above and beyond basic energy goals?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 2 =

**TOTAL
MAX 45 PTS**

D IMPACT

Max Value 5 points

How does this project positively enhance or impact the community it's serving?

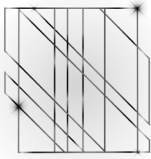
- ☐ 1 – Poor
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- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 1 =

TOTAL MAX 5 PTS

Project: _____

GRAND TOTAL _____



ILLUMINATION Award for Outdoor Lighting

A PROBLEM

Complexity of the Design *Max Value 20 points*

Explains the project story and challenges that make this design unique.

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 4 =

**TOTAL
MAX 20 PTS**

B CONCEPT

Lighting Concept *Max Value 15 points*

How well does the lighting design reinforce the architectural environment of the building and site features? Is the approach original or unique?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 3 =

Controls Concept *Max Value 5 points*

Are controls utilized effectively with respect to energy management and visual needs? Are the controls properly applied to support the lighting design?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 1 =

Integration *Max Value 10 points*

Has the lighting equipment been integrated into the building and site effectively?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 2 =

**TOTAL
MAX 30 PTS**

C SOLUTION/EXECUTION

Performance Criteria Achieved *Max Value 20 points*

How did the design answer the complexity of the problem? Does the project employ an innovative approach to the lighting solution?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 4 =

Visual Comfort *Max Value 15 points*

Is the quality of the lighting appropriate for the user? Has the solution addressed user needs such as viewing comfort, glare, and contrast ratios?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 3 =

Energy and Environmental Design Implementation *Max Value 10 points*

Does the project design achieve the stated goals for energy performance and night sky preservation? Does the project go above and beyond basic energy goals?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 2 =

**TOTAL
MAX 45 PTS**

D IMPACT

Max Value 5 points

How does this project positively enhance or impact the community it's serving?

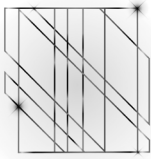
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- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 1 =

TOTAL MAX 5 PTS

Project: _____

GRAND TOTAL _____



ILLUMINATION AWARDS

Judging Sheet

Illumination Award for Control Innovation sponsored by the Lighting Controls Association, a Council within NEMA

A PROBLEM

Complexity of the Design *Max Value 20 points*

Explains the project story and challenges that make this design unique.

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 4 =

**TOTAL
MAX 20 PTS**

B CONCEPT

Lighting and Controls Concept *Max Value 20 points*

Does the lighting design reinforce the architectural environment? Are controls utilized effectively with respect to energy management and visual needs? Is the approach original or unique?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 4 =

Controls Integration *Max Value 15 points*

Do the controls have flexibility and expandable features?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 3 =

**TOTAL
MAX 35 PTS**

C SOLUTION/EXECUTION

Performance Criteria Achieved *Max Value 30 points*

How did the design answer the complexity of the problem? Have innovative controls been used & has the control design intent been satisfied?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 6 =

Energy and Environmental Design Implementation

Max Value 10 points

Did the project make an effort to consider energy and environmental solutions? Are they clearly stated and documented? Does the project go above and beyond basic energy goals?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 2 =

**TOTAL
MAX 40 PTS**

D IMPACT

Max Value 5 points

How does this project positively enhance or impact the community it's serving?

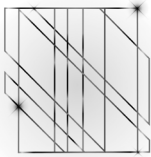
- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 1 =

TOTAL MAX 5 PTS

Project: _____

GRAND TOTAL _____



**Illumination Award for
Energy and Environmental Lighting Design**

A PROBLEM

Complexity of the Design *Max Value 20 points*

Explains the project story and challenges that make this design unique.

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 4 =

**TOTAL
MAX 20 PTS**

B CONCEPT

Lighting Concept *Max Value 15 points*

How does the lighting design reinforce the architectural environment? Is the approach original or unique?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 3 =

Controls Concept *Max Value 10 points*

How are controls utilized and properly applied to support the lighting design?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 2 =

Integration *Max Value 10 points*

Is the lighting equipment integrated into the architectural environment? Does the concept reduce load and improve the quality of the lit environment?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 2 =

**TOTAL
MAX 35 PTS**

C SOLUTION/EXECUTION

Energy and Environmental Design Implementation

Max Value 25 points

Does the project design meet or exceed the stated goals for energy performance and environmental responsibility? Are environmental and energy solutions clearly stated and documented?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 5 =

Visual Comfort *Max Value 15 points*

Is the quality of the lighting appropriate for the user? Has the solution addressed user needs such as viewing comfort, glare, and contrast ratios?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 3 =

**TOTAL
MAX 40 PTS**

D IMPACT

Max Value 5 points

How does this project positively enhance or impact the community it's serving?

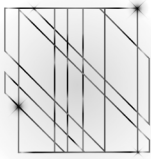
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- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 1 =

TOTAL MAX 5 PTS

Project: _____

GRAND TOTAL _____



A PROBLEM

Complexity of the Design *Max Value 20 points*

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- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 4 =

**TOTAL
MAX 20 PTS**

B CONCEPT

Lighting Concept *Max Value 15 points*

How does the lighting design reinforce the themed or immersive environment, artwork, building or site features? Is there some themed wayfinding which is supported by a unique or innovative lighting design? Is the approach original or unique?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 3 =

Controls Concept *Max Value 5 points*

Do the controls help tell the story and/or support the lighting design?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 1 =

**TOTAL
MAX 30 PTS**

Integration *Max Value 10 points*

How well is the lighting equipment integrated into the thematic or scenic elements? Does the concept balance the requirements of the themed environment while meeting the needs of the architects, engineers, building owners and occupants?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 2 =

C SOLUTION/EXECUTION

Performance Criteria Achieved *Max Value 20 points*

How did the results answer the design complexity that was described above? Does the project employ an innovative approach to the lighting solution?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 4 =

Visual Effect *Max Value 15 points*

Is the quality of the lighting appropriate for the user or visitor? How well did the solution enhance the viewers' experience?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 3 =

**TOTAL
MAX 45 PTS**

Engagement *Max Value 10 points*

How well does this project engage the patrons and visitors? How did the lighting create or enhance the immersive experience?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 2 =

D IMPACT

Max Value 5 points

How does this project positively enhance or impact the community it's serving?

- ☐ 1 – Poor
- ☐ 2 – Below Standard
- ☐ 3 – Meets Industry Standards
- ☐ 4 – Above Standard
- ☐ 5 – Distinctive/Excellent

pts x 1 =

TOTAL MAX 5 PTS

Project: _____

GRAND TOTAL _____