



JOSEPH R.
LA ROCCA

UNION PROJECT
OF THE YEAR AWARD

APPLICATION FORM

AWARD OVERVIEW

The Association of Union Constructors (TAUC) is the premier voice for the union construction and maintenance industry in the United States. Together with our 1,800+ member contractor firms—and working closely with our partners in labor and the owner-client community—we advocate tirelessly for the industry, seeking to demonstrate on a daily basis that we offer the safest and highest quality option for businesses around the country. In that spirit, TAUC is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the fourth annual **Joseph R. La Rocca Union Project of the Year Awards**, recognizing outstanding work performed under labor-management cooperation.

Joe La Rocca (1925-2021) was a true pioneer in the union construction industry. He served as Executive Vice President of TAUC's predecessor organization, The National Erectors Association, from its inception in 1969 until his retirement in 1986. In addition, he also served as the first Impartial Secretary of the National Maintenance Agreements Policy Committee Inc. (NMAPC), and was instrumental in spearheading its creation and shepherding its unprecedented growth throughout the 1970s and 1980s.

The impact Joe made on TAUC, and the industry as a whole, is still felt today. His passion for the business and the people who are served by it are a vital part of his legacy. His philosophy was simple: you don't just serve the contractors, the participating unions and/or the owner; your service is an even higher calling to the union construction industry as a whole. That is a true testament to his—and TAUC's—approach to leadership, and the reason why this award is named in his honor.



Joseph R. La Rocca



AWARD CATEGORIES

There are three (3) Award Categories:

- Less than \$5 Million
- \$5 Million to \$50 Million
- \$50 Million and up

Categories are based upon total project cost including both labor and materials.

One winner per Award Category will be chosen based upon Eligibility and the Judging Criteria.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The project/scope of work must have been completed within the United States of America;
2. The project/scope of work must have been completed between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023;
3. Any project/scope of work submitted for consideration must have been performed under a multi-craft union collective bargaining agreement;
4. **The contractor must be a current Governing Member of The Association of Union Constructors (TAUC).**

JUDGING CRITERIA

Judging will be based upon the following Judging Criteria:

- Safety
- Collaboration/Teamwork
- Construction Quality & Craftsmanship
- Project Execution/Scale

How to Apply:

Please complete the following application by no later than **March 1, 2024**. Successful applications will include detailed responses to the four (4) Judging Criteria as well as photographic imagery of the project/work scope in question. Winners will be announced at TAUC's annual Leadership Conference.

- Send application to Alex Kopp at akopp@tauc.org
- Subject line: "Joseph R. La Rocca – Union Project of the Year Award"
- Attach all documents pertaining to award application; application, project write ups, pictures, etc..

By submitting an award application, you give TAUC permission to publish, reprint and/or use the information/materials for marketing, promotional or other purposes.



2023 \$50 MILLION AND ABOVE AWARD RECIPIENT

**Barton Malow Company
General Motors
Western Reserve B.C.T.C.**

*For work performed at
GM Ultium Cells Battery Plant
Lordstown, Trumbull, OH*



2023 LESS THAN \$5 MILLION AWARD RECIPIENT

**Atlantic Plant Maintenance
Lightstone Generation
Tri-State B.C.T.C.**

*For work performed at
Gavin Plant
Cheshire, OH*

OFFICIAL APPLICATION

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Contractor Name:

E-Mail:

Phone:

Point of Contact:

Address:

Alternate:

Fax:

By signing this document I acknowledge that that I am authorized to submit the following application and provide all of the information and photographs contained within it.

Signature of Contractor
Representative:

Date:

Project Name:

Plant/Facility Name:

Project City:

Project State:

Building Trades:

Owner Name:

Please select the Award Category that you would like to apply under:

- Less than \$5 Million
- \$5 Million to \$50 Million
- \$50 Million and up

PROJECT/SCOPE OF WORK DESCRIPTION

Describe your company's project/scope of work in the below text field. Please be sure to identify the following: Where the work occurred; The client's name; When the project was started/completed; Which Union Crafts you employed to perform the work; the Collective Bargaining Agreement that you utilized; along with any other information that you believe makes your project/scope of work stand out from the rest.

SAFETY

Please describe in detail the safety culture/innovative safety procedure that your organization employed on this project/scope of work and how it impacted your firm's overall performance. Also, provide your Incident Rate [Near Miss, First Aid, OSHA recordable (include DART cases)] for the project in question.

COLLABORATION/TEAMWORK

Collaboration and teamwork are essential to the success of construction and maintenance projects. Identify how collaboration and teamwork led to a successful project both within the company structure and among the various project participants. What difficulties, challenges and/or other obstacles did your organization encounter and how were they overcome as it pertains to Collaboration/Teamwork?

CONSTRUCTION QUALITY & CRAFTSMANSHIP

How does the Construction Quality and Craftsmanship on your project/scope of work standout from the rest of the projects/scopes of work that our judges will be reviewing? Please share or expand upon what tools were implemented to ensure a quality outcome. Please share any advanced-level training or preparation that was implemented on your project to ensure a quality outcome and quality craftsmanship.

PROJECT EXECUTION/SCALE

Project Execution refers to specific activities when building a project, the resources applied to the project, and the organization of the project. The major elements of executing a successful project include project planning, project scheduling, allocation of labor resources, and procurement of materials. Explain the process by which you implemented, monitored, controlled, and delivered the project. What difficulties, challenges and/or other obstacles did your organization encounter and how were they overcome as it pertains to Project Execution?