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INTRODUCTION
The Construction Excellence Awards (CEAs) 2019, organised by the National Construction Authority (NCA), is a platform designed to recognize achievements, developments and innovation within Kenya's booming construction industry. It will feature categories that cater to contractors, construction workers and developers.

The purpose of the event is to highlight the positive aspects of the industry, celebrating quality assurance, commitment to excellence and innovation. The judging panel will comprise of industry experts cutting across both the public and private sectors, and across various facets of construction. The awards ceremony will be a gala dinner featuring the industry’s top professionals, and will henceforth be a benchmark for excellence.

BACKGROUND
NCA held the Woman Contractor of the Year Awards (WOCOYAs) on November 28th, 2014 to honour outstanding women contractors across the country. The WOCOYAs were a subset for a larger industry fete, a precursor to a more inclusive and holistic reward scheme, namely the Construction Excellence Awards.

The WOCOYAs were held under the auspices of the then Lands and Housing Cabinet Secretary, Hon. Charity Ngilu. The winner, Melanie Suleco of Suleco Engineering, won Kshs. 1,000,000 worth of cement from ARM Cement Ltd. The First Runners Up, Eunice Wanjiru Muhuri and Eliza Njoki Ndung'u of Eunitech Engineering received Kshs. 500,000 worth of roofing material from Mabati Rolling Mills, and the Second Runners Up, Zueda Ali of Zueda Zee Enterprises, received Kshs. 250,000 worth of paint from Sadolin Paints. Other categories included Best Building Works Contractor (Riza Works Ltd), Best Roads Contractor (Namunyak Ltd) and Most Inspiring Contractor (Power Eagle Enterprises). The category winners received cash prizes of Kshs. 100,000 each, sponsored by various entities.

This year’s winners will be awarded various prizes, including the grand prize of Kshs. 1,000,000 and an all expenses paid trip to the Big 5 International Building and Construction Show in Dubai, to be awarded to the overall Contractor of the Year.
CATEGORIES
There will be three main categories of entry:
1. Contractor of the Year
2. Fundi of the Year
3. Developer of the Year

HOW TO APPLY
Fully filled application forms with the required enclosements should be posted to the below address:

THE CHAIRPERSON
CONSTRUCTION EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019
NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY
P.O BOX 21046-00100
NAIROBI

Or, dropped off at the below address:

NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS
9TH FLOOR, KCB TOWERS
UPPER HILL, NAIROBI

At drop off, ensure you sign the CEA 2019 Applicants Register as proof of deposit.

NOTE:
1. You can post/drop off clear copies of the fully filled application form and supporting documents, or load them on compact discs (CD) or DVD. If you choose to load the documents on a CD or DVD, ensure the documents are in full colour and in Portable Document Format (PDF). The CD or DVD should be clearly marked CEA 2019 Application.

2. The call for entries opens on Tuesday, June 25th 2019 and closes on Friday, 19th July 2019 at 5pm. No applications will be received after the call for entry period lapses.
I. CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR

This category is only open to contractors.

i. Applicants will apply under NCA 1-4 or NCA 5-8, depending on their category of registration
   a. Best Civil Engineering Works Contractor
   b. Best Building Works Contractor
   c. Best Mechanical Engineering Services Contractor
   d. Best Electrical Engineering Services Contractor

ii. Special Categories

a. Best Contractor (Women, Youth and Persons with Disability).
This will be awarded to the contractor who not only qualifies for this category (attach a current Access to Government Procurement Opportunities [AGPO] certificate as evidence) but also attains the highest marks, whether in NCA 1-4 or NCA 5-8.

b. Overall Contractor of The Year
This will be awarded to the contractor with the highest overall scores, whether in NCA 1-4 or NCA 5-8.

Note: For the special categories, applications will be made as in (i) above. Applicants to indicate in the application form whether they want to be considered for ii (a). The prize for ii (b) will be awarded automatically depending on scores, and applicants need not apply.

iii. Applications will only be accepted from contractors who are duly registered by the National Construction Authority and are of good standing in the professional register. A copy of the registration certificate as well as the 2019/2020 renewal license must be enclosed.

iv. Applicants must ensure they have enclosed copies of a valid Kenya Revenue Authority tax compliance certificate, an authenticated Certificate of Incorporation /Business Name Registration and an authenticated County Business Permit

v. Applicants are required to submit the following project documents with their application:
   a. Set of fully approved and authenticated architectural, structural, civil, electrical and mechanical drawings
   b. Geotechnical report (where applicable)
   c. Signed contract agreement
   d. Programme of Works
   e. A list of workers working on the site, complete with their accreditation numbers from the National Construction Authority
   f. Approved safety management framework or policy authenticated by a relevant consultant

vi. All projects submitted for consideration must be ongoing and at least 60%
Note: NCA may require additional documentation after initial examination, and the applicant will be required to submit them. If the documentation is found to be unacceptable, the application may be rejected.

II. FUNDI OF THE YEAR

This category is only open to fundis.

i. Under this category, applicants will apply under:
   a. Best Site Supervisor
   b. Best Construction Worker (Can apply under the 59 trades as listed in the Occupational Standards Document)

ii. A developer, contractor, site supervisor or relevant consultant can nominate a candidate, or the candidate can nominate themselves under this category

iii. All applicants for the Fundi of the Year category must:
   a. Be fully accredited with a valid accreditation card (enclose copy of the same)
   b. Enclose a copy of their national identity card/passport and two passport photos. The photos should be coloured and 2 inches by 2 inches in size
   c. Have documentation to attest to technical qualifications, such as technical certificates or trade test certificates from accredited institutions
   d. Have recommendation letters from three projects previously worked on. The recommendation should be from a registered professional, for example a contractor, architect, construction manager, engineer etc
   e. All ‘Best Site Supervisor’ applicants must have at least two years experience, with recommendation letters from registered professionals, for example a contractor, architect, construction manager, engineer etc (enclose evidence)
   f. Be engaged on an active construction site. The site must be fully compliant with NCA quality assurance requirements; due diligence will be done to ascertain ongoing works

III. PROJECT OF THE YEAR

This category is only open to developers.

i. Under this category, applicants will apply under:
   a. Most Sustainable Project
   b. Most Innovative Project.

ii. No application shall be accepted for designs carried out by persons who are not registered professionals

iii. All projects submitted must be registered by NCA. An NCA compliance certificate should be enclosed
iv. Applicants must ensure they have enclosed copies of a valid Kenya Revenue Authority tax compliance certificate, an authenticated Certificate of Incorporation /Business Name Registration and an authenticated County Business Permit

v. Applicants are required to submit the following project document with their application:

   a. Set of fully approved and authenticated architectural, structural, civil, electrical and mechanical drawings
   b. Geotechnical report (where applicable)
   c. Signed contract agreement
   d. Programme of Works
   e. A list of workers working on the site, complete with their accreditation numbers from the National Construction Authority
   f. Approved safety management framework or policy authenticated by a relevant consultant

vi. All projects submitted for consideration must be ongoing and at least 60% complete

vii. Individual application forms will be filled in for each project submitted, if the submissions are more than one.
1. Applicants may participate in more than one category. Under Contractor of the Year, a maximum of one project will be submitted in each category. For example, if an applicant has two building works projects, he/she can only submit one of them for consideration of award. However, if an applicant has a building works project and a mechanical engineering works project, he can submit both of them for consideration of award.

Under Project of the Year, an applicant can submit a maximum of two projects in each of the sub-categories (Most Innovative Project and Most Sustainable Project). Note that for each project submitted, a separate application form must be filled.

2. All applicants are required to submit duly completed, signed and dated application forms; failure to do so leads to automatic disqualification from evaluation for the award.

3. The CEA Jury shall be allowed reasonable access to inspect the project and/or premises of the applicant’s offices.

4. Applicants who are under any obligation, contractual or otherwise, that would prohibit them from entering or accepting an award are not eligible. The same applies for projects that are contractually precluded from receiving awards or prices. The Authority shall not be held liable for issues arising from breach of these provisions.

5. There will be no reimbursement of expenses relating to the submission of participations.

6. Sponsors, judges, their affiliates, subsidiaries, promotion agencies each of their respective directors, officers, employees and their immediate family members and/or those living in the same household of each (whether related or not) are not eligible for this award. The term “family member” is defined as spouse, partner, parent, legal guardian, in-law, grandparent, child, or grandchild.

7. Materials (including but not limited to photographs) might be submitted in connection with or subsequent to the entries or at any time after the conferment of the awards. The Authority reserves the right to use the abovementioned material in any way it deems fit, without payment of fees or royalties, and regardless of the results of the award. This includes, but is not limited to, the presentation, publication and/or exhibition of photographs, materials and/or names. Applicants may be asked to make presentations in front of a panel during evaluation.

8. Applicants shall fully indemnify the Authority and hold it harmless, against any claim, liability, responsibility or damages which may result from the Authority’s use of the materials submitted by the entrants in connection with or subsequent to the entries or at any time after the conferment of the awards.

11. Non-participation in the awards does not affect a contractor’s, fundi’s or project’s standing with the Authority.

I wish to participate in the Construction Excellence Awards 2019. I have read, understood and agree to the conditions. I further confirm that I will abide by the decision of the CEA Jury with respect to “Award for Construction Excellence”.

Name of Authorized Person: …………………………

Signature:…………………………..

Designation: …………………………..

Organization: …………………………….

Date: ………………………….