



Geotechnical & Materials Engineers Committee

2026 Larry Madrid GMEC Award Criteria

The Larry Madrid GMEC Award recognizes outstanding personal efforts on the part of its recipient to advance the technical and professional practice of geotechnical engineering in Florida.

Basic Criteria

1. Candidate must be a resident of Florida and may or may not be an engineer.
2. If the candidate is involved in the private practice of geotechnical and materials engineering, the candidate should be employed by a firm that is both a member of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida (ACEC Florida) and the Geotechnical & Materials Engineers Committee (GMEC). However, the candidate shall not be a current member of either the Geotechnical & Materials Engineers Committee (GMEC) Executive Committee or the American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida (ACEC Florida) Board of Directors.
3. A candidate not involved in the private practice of geotechnical and materials engineering may be eligible if approved by the GMEC Executive Committee and who meets all other criteria stated herein.
4. The candidate's personal efforts shall have helped advance the technical and professional practice of geotechnical engineering in Florida for at least 10 years.
5. The award will be presented at the discretion of the GMEC Executive Committee, but the Executive Committee can elect to not present the award in any given year and will present no more than one per year.

Procedure

1. Candidate may be nominated by any firm member of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida (ACEC Florida) prior to the GMEC Annual Conference.
2. Nominations shall be in a written form and include a complete resume on the candidate together with such other materials as may be helpful to the GMEC Executive Committee in its review.
3. Each nomination shall contain a citation for particular activity involved together with additional material supporting the basis for recommendation.
4. The award Selection Committee shall be comprised of the GMEC Executive Committee and at least one prior recipient of the GMEC Award.
5. Upon approval by the GMEC Executive Committee, a suitable plaque or citation shall be prepared, presented at the GMEC Annual Conference and recognized at the ACEC Florida Annual Banquet.



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2026 Larry Madrid GMEC Award Application

General Information and Entry Guidelines

General Description

This award is given to an individual who, by virtue of his/her service, has had a significant positive impact on the geotechnical and materials engineering profession. Nominees for the GMEC Award must have a consistent record of service over a period of at least ten years.

Instructions for Completion and Submittal of Entry Forms

1. Read "Award Criteria and Procedures" and review application carefully before beginning entries.
2. The award nomination form is due at ACEC Florida Headquarters by **Friday, February 6, 2026**
3. Be sure to provide:
 - Citation
 - Resume
 - Recent photograph
 - Name and contact information of person submitting the application
 - Name
 - Phone Number
 - Email address
4. Please print or type all information.
5. Electronic submission is preferred.
6. If you have questions about any procedures or forms, please contact Meridith Glass at ACEC Florida Headquarters by e-mail mglass@fleng.org, or by telephone 850-224-7121.



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2026 Larry Madrid GMEC AWARD Nomination Requirements

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1. Citation

The citation is a concise summary of the nominee's accomplishments and qualifications for the award. Its length should be in the range of 200 to 400 words. It is intended to be prepared in a style suitable for oral presentation when the award is presented. It is required as part of the nomination, but is not intended as a supplement to the information contained in the award nomination form and will not be considered in the scoring process.

2. Resume

The resume should include the name of the candidate, education, years of experience, and details of professional experience, professional/technical activities, public service activities, papers, articles, books authored, and other meritorious achievement.

3. Recent photograph

4. Contact Information of Person Preparing the Application

Name
Company
Address
Phone number
Email address

Deadline: February 6, 2026



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Take time to honor the geotechnical or materials engineer whom you have always admired.

Nominations due February 6, 2026

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Past Award Recipients

1984	Jack Roebuck
1986	Charles Moore, PE
1990	Lawrence L. Smith, PE
1993	S.E. "Jim" Jammal, PE
1994	L. Daniel Fulford, PE
1995	John E. Garlanger, PhD, PE
2006	Mark L. Mongeau, PE
2007	Gary L. Kuhns, PE
2009	James D. Hussin, PE
2010	Mohamad H. Hussein, PE
2011	Ernest A. Cox III, PE
2012	James A. Horton, PE
2013	Larry D. Madrid, MSc, PE, D.GE
2016	Ian Kinnear, PE, C.Eng.
2017	Kathy M. Gray, PE
2018	Dr. Michael C. McVay
2019	Donald T. Robertson, PE
2020	Michael B. Woodward, PE
2022	Jay Casper, PE
2023	Larry Jones, PE
2024	Rick Acree, PE

For over 40 years, GMEC has been a valuable asset to the geotechnical and materials engineering community in Florida acting as a forum for the discussion of professional issues and providing quality continuing education.