

## From Bridges to Museums, Judges Pick N.Y. Region's Best Projects

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More than three-dozen projects in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut garnered high praise as winners of ENR New York's Best Projects competition this year.

An independent panel of six industry leaders judged the main competition, reviewing the 59 projects submitted for 2014. Sometimes they moved a project from one category to another if/when they thought it was a better fit. They sorted out which, if any, deserved to take a top prize in a category and which, if any, should receive a merit award.

Ultimately, they chose 39 projects across 18 categories, plus one other that they deemed the region's overall best.

Meanwhile, two other judges—each experts in safety—helmed the separate Safety award competition, now in its third year. These judges combed through 24 projects, some of which were only submitted to this category, and focused solely on whether and how far the project team went above and beyond the industry norm in safety.

In the end, these judges saw fit to name both an overall category winner, as well as a merit winner.

The list below contains nearly all of the winners. The announcement for which project nabbed the region's overall Best Project award will be announced at a special awards breakfast on Nov. 12 in New York City. Additional details on all of the winners will also be featured in ENR New York's Nov. 17/24 issue.

The top-three contenders for The Best of the Best Project of the year for this region can be found at the end.

### **ENR New York's 2014 Best Projects Winners By Category:**

#### **Airports/Transit**

Winner – 2nd Ave Subway, 96th St. Station/Contract C 26005  
(submitted by E.E. Cruz & Co.-)

Merit—Metro North Embankment Stabilization at Milepost HU43.8  
(submitted by Kiewit Infrastructure Co.)

#### **Cultural/Worship**

Winner—Theatre for a New Audience at Polonsky Shakespeare Center  
(submitted by H3 Hardy Collaboration Architecture)

Merit—Smithsonian Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum/Carnegie Mansion  
(submitted by E.W. Howell Co.)

#### **Government/Public Buildings**

Winner—NYC Parks Beach Restoration Modules  
(submitted by Garrison Architects)

Merit—Statue of Liberty National Monument Life and Safety Upgrades and Post-Sandy Recovery  
(submitted by Joseph A. Natoli Construction Corp.)



Photo: Best Higher Education – Cornell's Bill & Melinda Gates Hall

## **Green**

- Winner—Novartis Visitor Reception Building  
(submitted by Novartis)
- Merit—Fairchild Wheeler Inter-District Magnet Campus  
(submitted by Fusco Corp.)
- Merit—Washington Square Park/Park House  
(submitted by New York City Dept. of Design and Construction)

## **Health Care**

- Winner—Steven and Alexandra Cohen Children's Medical Center of New York  
(submitted by Lend Lease (US) Construction LMB)
- Merit—Lawrence + Memorial Hospital Cancer Center  
(submitted by Suffolk Construction)

## **Higher Education**

- Winner—Bill & Melinda Gates Hall  
(submitted by Welliver)**
- Merit—Weill Cornell Medical College's Belfer Research Building  
(submitted by Tishman Construction, an AECOM Co.)

## **Highways/Bridge**

- Winner—Historic Mystic Movable Bridge Rehabilitation  
(submitted by TranSystems Corp. of Connecticut)
- Merit—Interchange 6 to 9 Widening Program, Interchange 8  
(submitted by Dewberry)
- Merit—Design/Build Services for the Reconstruction of Ramp MQ at the RFK Bridge, RK-73  
(submitted by Halmar International)
- Merit—I-84 over Dingle Ridge Road/Rapid Bridge Replacement  
(submitted by HNTB Corp.)
- Merit—Alexander Hamilton Bridge and Highbridge Interchange Rehab Project  
(submitted by Halmar International)

## **Interiors/Tenant Improvement**

- Winner—FDR Presidential Library & Museum  
(submitted by Kirchhoff Consigli Construction Management)
- Merit—Harman  
(submitted by Shawmut Design and Construction)
- Merit—1552 Broadway  
(submitted by SL Green Realty Corp.)
- Merit—LS Travel iStore & Porsche Design  
(submitted by Holt Construction Corp.)

## **K-12 Education**

- Winner—PAVE Academy  
(submitted by Mitchell | Giurgola Architects)

## **Landscape/Urban Development**

- Winner—LeFrak Center at Lakeside, Prospect Park  
(submitted by Sciamè Construction)

## **Manufacturing**

- Winner—Greenpac  
(submitted by VIP Structures)

## **Office/Retail/Mixed-Use**

- Winner—Novartis East Hanover Campus Transformation  
(submitted by Novartis)
- Merit—Entry Pavilion at Brookfield Place  
(submitted by Plaza Construction)
- Merit—4 World Trade Center  
(submitted by Leslie E. Robertson Associates and by Tishman Construction, an AECOM Co.)

**Renovation/Restoration**

Winner—Pier A Restoration  
(submitted by LiRo Program & Construction Management, PE and by WMC)

**Residential/Hospitality**

Winner—135 East 79th  
(submitted by Lend Lease (US) Construction LMB)  
Merit—The Marriott at 1717 Broadway  
(submitted by CNY Group)  
Merit—The New York Palace  
(submitted by Shawmut Design and Construction)

**Safety**

Winner—The Green Lane Building at Kean University  
(submitted by Gruskin Architecture + Design)  
Merit—Hyatt Times Square (135 W. 45th St.)  
(submitted by Lend Lease (US) Construction LMB Inc.)

**Small Project (Under \$10 Million)**

Winner—Monmouth Battlefield State Park Visitor Center  
(submitted by ikon.5 architects)

**Specialty Contracting**

Winner—Hurricane Sandy Staten Island Residential Repairs  
(submitted by Conti Enterprises)  
Merit—NYU Langone Sandy Restoration  
(submitted by E-J Electric Installation Co.)  
Merit—4 New York Plaza  
(submitted by E-J Electric Installation Co.)

**Sports/Entertainment**

Winner—Madison Square Garden Transformation Project  
(submitted by Turner Construction Co.)  
Merit—Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino  
(submitted by Wendel)

**Water/Environment**

Winner—West Brook Flood Control Project  
(submitted by Maser Consulting)

**ENR New York's Best Overall Project Award Finalists for 2014 (in alphabetical order):**

Historic Mystic Movable Bridge Rehabilitation

Novartis East Hanover Campus Transformation

West Brook Flood Control Project

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